

WEATHER FORECAST
For 24 hours ending 5 p.m., Saturday:
Victoria and vicinity—Fresh to high
easterly to southerly winds, unsettled,
with rain.

Victoria Daily Times

WHERE TO GO TO-NIGHT
Columbia—Lost and Found.
Dominion—The Gold Diggers.
Casualty—The Purple Highway.
Playhouse—The Cheat.
Royal—Potash and Perimeter.

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I. G. E. AUDIT VINDICATES B. C. GOVERNMENT

DR. SUN, SOUTH CHINA LEADER, APPEALS TO RAMSAY MACDONALD

Asks That It Be Brought to Attention of British People That Nearly a Score of Powers' Cruisers and Gunboats at Canton Are Threatening His Government

Hongkong, Dec. 21.—Dr. Sun Yat Sen, head of the Canton Government, to-day telegraphed to Ramsay Macdonald, leader of the British Labor Party, asking him to "bring to the notice of the British people, and particularly the workers, the grave situation which the British representatives in China mainly have been instrumental in creating at Canton."

"My Government is being threatened with acts of war by an international force of nearly a score of cruisers and gunboats armed with soldiers, who have already landed at Shamen (the foreign section of Canton), where the administrative offices of other nations are located."

"This is the work of the diplomatic body at Peking, done at the instance of the British Minister on the advice of the senior consul at Canton, who is the British Consul-General, and the Inspector-General of Chinese Maritime Customs, who is a British national."

Sun assures the British Labor leader that China admittedly one of the richest markets for British goods, cannot be secured by a gunboat policy of old diplomacy, although it can be won by a policy aiming at the capture of Chinese good will.

WANTS CUSTOMS FUNDS

Canton, Dec. 21.—Sun Yat Sen, leader of the South China Government, yesterday notified Sir Francis Aglen, Inspector-General of the Chinese Customs, through the Canton commissioner, that he would expect him to hold to his order to turn over to the South China Government the customs surplus of Kwangtung province which has heretofore been turned over to the Peking authorities.

In his note Sun stated that the customs surplus remaining after foreign loan charges had been deducted belonged rightfully to the Southern Government, which at present is at war with the Peking regime.

In the evening the inspectors general refused to turn over this surplus to him Sun states he will organize his own customs staff.

Sun said he would wait a reasonable time for Sir Francis to reply.

TO BE RETURNED TO PENITENTIARY "Red" Ryan Probably Will Be Sent From Minneapolis to Kingston

Minneapolis, Dec. 21.—Norman "Red" Ryan, gunman and murderer, probably will be returned to Canada to finish his sentence and to take his laces at the Kingston Penitentiary, from which he escaped. The St. Paul authorities, who issued the warrant on which Ryan was arrested, have waived all right in his prosecution and indicated a willingness that he be sent across the border to receive his punishment.

Frank S. Brunskill, chief of police of Minneapolis, said to-day he believed Ryan would make a desperate attempt to prevent extradition. The escaped convict had admitted his fear of returning to Kingston because seven lashes awaited him there.

CHINESE BANDIT WAS EXECUTED

Sun Mai Yo Shared in Kidnappings Last May

Peking, Dec. 21.—Sun Mai Yo, one of the bandit leaders who participated in the attack on a Shanghai-Peking express train near Suchow, in the Province of Kiangsu, last May, in which a number of Americans and other foreigners were kidnapped and held captive for more than a month, has been executed at Taohwang, in Chekiang Province, according to advice received by the War Ministry here.

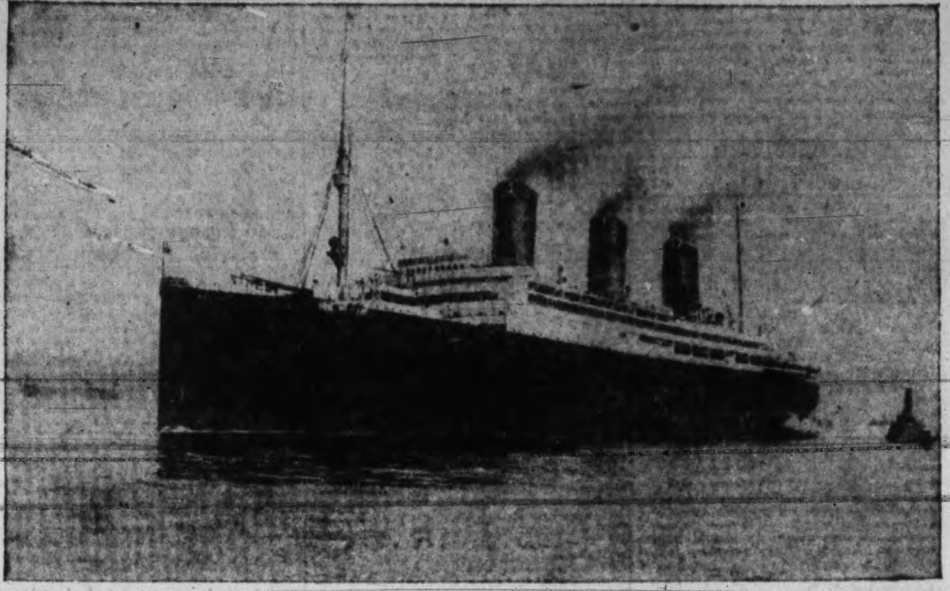
He was charged with permitting troops under his command to mutiny and rebel against the Government, the advice state.

The execution of Sun Mai Yo is said to have been ordered by Chang Pei Yuan, Military Commissioner of Yenchow.

T. L. CHURCH, M.P., WISHES AGAIN TO BE MAYOR OF TORONTO

Toronto, Dec. 21.—Thomas L. Church, M.P., Controller W. W. Hiltz and Joseph Singer were nominated for mayor this morning to succeed to the chief magistracy, held for two years by Mayor A. Maguire. Before Mayor Maguire's term Mr. Church was Mayor of Toronto for seven consecutive years.

LEVIATHAN, BIGGEST UNITED STATES SHIP, AGROUND IN NEW YORK HARBOR TO-DAY



New York, Dec. 21.—The Leviathan, queen ship of the United States merchant marine, inbound from Cherbourg to-day, grounded on Robins Reef in New York Harbor. A call was sent for all available tugs. The reef is located just north of Tompkinsville, Staten Island. The ship grounded after she had passed in quarantine on the way to her dock.

The tide was ebbing when the Leviathan grounded. It will be 8 p.m. before the high water mark again will be reached. The reef is considerably to the west of the main ship channel. The operators of the Leviathan were without advice at 11.15 a.m. as to how the vessel came to be so far off her course.

The Leviathan was completing a voyage during which she made an attempt to set a new record on the westbound trip from Cherbourg to New York. Heavy fog, however, was reported to have slowed her during the last hours of the voyage.

Half a dozen tugs reached the Leviathan and made fast. They tugged away vigorously, but apparently were unable to judge her with the low water mark about an hour ahead.

Freighter aground. Shortly after the Leviathan had grounded the quarantine station reported that the freighter Boden, outbound, was ashore in Gravesend Bay, just outside the Narrows. A heavy haze hung over the harbor.

BY-ELECTION CAUSES MUCH DISCUSSION

No Indication Yet of King Government's Plans

Conservative Was Elected in Kent, N.B.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—(Canadian Press)—The Cabinet will meet this afternoon, and although the meeting was called before the by-election result in Kent, N.B., was known, and for the dispatch of regular business, this second Government defeat in the Maritime Provinces will no doubt come in for considerable discussion.

Comment to-day turns largely on the political situation to which the successive Conservative victories give rise. There is a recurrence of the rumor that following the passage of redistribution and the voting of supplies at the forthcoming session, the Government may decide to appeal to the people in an effort to secure a working majority in the House. As matters now stand, with no vacancies in the House to fill, the Government is in a technical minority of four.

PLANS UNDISCLOSED

The Liberal leaders have so far given no indication of the Government's plans, but it is regarded as improbable that Parliament will be dissolved before the passing of redistribution. By reason of the present situation in the House, impulse will necessarily be given to efforts at a closer understanding between the Liberals and Progressives, and dissolution of Parliament without a redistribution of seats would meet with strong Progressive opposition, particularly as under the bill the prairie provinces are entitled to an additional eleven members.

SENT OVER

The bill was brought down last session and was sent over, owing to differences in the special committee which had the matter in hand. At the time there were Progressive protests and a fear was expressed that Parliament might be dissolved before the bill could be passed.

It was asked for a declaration on the point Premier King, while pointing out that the power of dissolution rested with the Governor-General, declared that "so far as the Government is concerned, I do not hesitate to say that I would, if consulted in the matter, advise His Excellency not to permit a dissolution of this Parliament without having in the first instance enacted a redistribution measure. The Government has no intention of bringing on a general election without a fair redistribution measure being enacted in the first instance."

The further point is taken that, to prevent France from seizing guarantees, he declared, adding: "If we had not occupied the Ruhr, Germany, mistress of her coal and steel works, would have continued to enrich herself at our expense, and at the end of the moratorium, if we had asked for something, she would have answered, 'Come and get it.'"

He denied that Germany had made any new proposal just before the Ruhr was occupied. The German Ambassador, he said, had only transmitted the offer from Baron von Maltzan (German Under-Secretary of Foreign Affairs) of 20,000,000 gold marks.

"It was a ridiculous offer," commented the Premier, "for that amount should already have been paid under the treaty had been strictly enforced."

It was simply a German manoeuvre

Greek Cabinet to Keep Control Till Assembly Meets

Athens, Dec. 21.—Premier Gonatas, replying to demands from the Republicans that the Government be turned over to them because of their successes in the general election, to-day announced that the Government would retain power until the National Assembly had convened and elected its President.

DR. L. H. ORMSBY DIED IN DUBLIN

Dublin, Dec. 21.—Dr. Lambert Hospital Ormsby, a distinguished surgeon, former president of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland and a member of the Irish Senate, died at his home here to-day. Dr. Ormsby was born in New Zealand seventy-three years ago.

HOUSE RISES AT END OF HEAVY PROGRAMME OF NEW LEGISLATION

The British Columbia Legislature prorogued at noon to-day after a session stretching over eight full weeks.

His Honor Lieutenant-Governor Nichol arrived at the Parliament Buildings just before noon and gave the Royal Assent to the large programme of legislation passed since the House assembled at the end of October. The prorogation ceremony lasted just fifteen minutes from the time the Speaker entered until the Lieutenant-Governor had formally approved the work of the session. After the Clerk of the House had read the list of Acts passed, Mr. Speaker Pauline read the customary resolution of loyalty to His Honor who then delivered his prorogation speech. Hon. J. D. MacLean, Provincial Secretary, read the formal resolution of prorogation and His Honor retired.

After Mr. Speaker had resumed the chair the House stood at attention and sang the National Anthem. A second later the air was filled with flying papers as the members relieved their pent-up feelings in a friendly battle of harmless missiles.

MEMBERS LEAVE

A number of the members left the city on this afternoon's boat while the remainder will go on to-night's boat.

When the House adjourned to-day several resolutions remained on the order paper. One of these is the Opposition's proposal for the appointment of a Royal Commission on Pacific Great Eastern Railway affairs. The Government already has announced its intention of appointing such a Commission but the Conservatives' resolution, moved by Joseph Hincliffe, Conservative Member for Victoria, was opposed on the ground that the investigation which it suggests would be too sweeping in character to be practicable. With the Hincliffe resolution, George Hanes' proposal that the investigation go into the transactions of Foley, Welch and Stewart also was left on the order paper. Mr. Hanes' amendment to the Public Inquiries Act, under which P.G.E. witnesses could be brought from outside British Columbia, suffered a similar fate.

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STRAWBERRIES IN ONTARIO GARDEN TAKE ATTENTION

Stratford, Ont., Dec. 21.—The fact that a man in Ontario can go to his garden and pick panies on December 20 is unusual enough in itself, but when fully developed strawberries are found the experience is indeed remarkable.

When F. Crocker visited his garden yesterday he found strawberries in every stage of development.

Boycott Move Now Against U.S. and Britain in Canton

Hongkong, Dec. 21.—Advice from Canton state numerous placards are appearing in the streets of the city for the foreign powers in the present customs surplus imbroglio.

"Some of the placards appeal to the people to unite to obtain the Kwangtung Customs surplus in order 'to save the Chinese nation.'"

Building Housing Essondale Workmen Destroyed by Fire

New Westminster, Dec. 21.—McDougal, McNeill, Ltd., contractors for the erection of the new unit at the Essondale Mental Hospital, yesterday afternoon lost their entire camp quarters in which the men were housed, through a fire which started in the camp kitchen. The buildings were of wood, in the ordinary camp construction style, and were built to accommodate 100 men, the number employed in the contract on the building.

The courier had ridden all Wednesday and all day yesterday over the mountains which lie between the three towns and the railroad. As he arrived exhausted he told an incoherent story of how adobe houses had been tumbled above the heads of the inhabitants.

"Many, many dead," were the words he used in describing the extent of the casualties. His appeal for food, tents and blankets for the homeless was forwarded to President Durazo of Agua Prieta, across the border from Douglas. The President announced that supplies would be shipped by rail to Naco and would be taken by stage the remainder of the way.

'SEARCHLIGHT' CHARGES PETTY AND ERRONEOUS, AUDITORS' REPORT

Actual Construction Cost Had "Reasonable Measure of Supervision and Check." Price, Waterhouse & Co. Informs Government After Search; Contractors, However, Got One Commission of \$5,619 "Erroneously"

No evidence of wrongdoing in the administration of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company was found by Price, Waterhouse & Co. in its full audit of the railway's books.

This was made known this afternoon after members of the Provincial Government had completed a hurried examination of the auditors' report, tabled in the Legislature this morning by Hon. J. D. MacLean, Minister of Railways.

"From the hurried examination of the report of the auditors it can be stated that the total expenditures on the railway were properly supported by the engineers' reports, vouchers, etc.," said a statement given out by Dr. MacLean this afternoon. "There is no evidence of wrongdoing or improper payment in the case of one small item for some \$5,000 there is a difference of opinion as to the method of accounting."

Dr. MacLean added that he was satisfied with the report. "If it is found necessary on further study to hold an additional investigation, Price, Waterhouse & Co. will be asked to continue their work to the end that a complete story of the whole P.G.E. construction will be available," he said.

EXTRACTS MADE PUBLIC

Dr. MacLean made public extracts as follows from the auditors' reports showing that no evidence of wrongdoing was discovered by the full audit of railway books:

"In carrying out this audit it was desired that we should probe to the bottom each and every disbursement made by the railway company to the Northern Construction Company and that in our report there should be incorporated a statement showing all monies paid to the Construction company in this connection, namely, in respect of the expenditures on the construction and other work carried out under the terms of the contract just stated."

"It may be well to state at the outset that it has been impossible to implement literally all the instructions of November 6, 1922. In an undertaking of this proportion investigation must not affect except in certain cases, totally erroneous charges made in Pamphlet 5. (Searchlight)."

"Our efforts consequently have been directed more to an investigation of all matters essential to the contract and the accounting rendered by the Northern Construction Company in connection therewith, than to the investigation of minor errors in certain cases, totally erroneous charges made in Pamphlet 5. (Searchlight)."

"Evidence is available to show that the expenditures made were currently covered by the receipts, and that the trend of construction and the actual cost thereof was a reasonable measure of supervision and check."

"Exhibit A: This statement summarizes under the principal caption the expenditures made by the Northern Construction Company in connection with the work carried out under the contract of September 18, 1918 amendments and additions thereto, work orders, extra orders, and Prince George South, which expenditures were charged to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company as shown by the Estimates and the vouchers in support thereof."

"The items appearing in the estimates were in the main properly vouched for by accompanying invoices, payrolls and the receipts, signed orders and payrolls of the sub-contractors for monies advanced to them or paid out on their behalf, all of which have been inspected by us and analyzed on our schedules, in accordance with our general understanding of the transactions."

"Inspection was made of the system of the contractors in respect of items charged to their various headquarters warehouses covering materials, supplies, payrolls, etc. Invoices for construction of materials and supplies, cookhouse supplies and general stores, on file at the contractors' offices, were examined by us at random and showed that these had been approved."

"(1) For prices, by the contractors' purchasing agent.

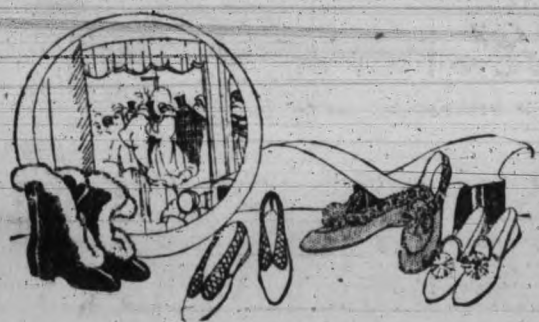
"(2) For quantities, by one of the accountants, and

"(3) For the quantities received, by the paymasters at the headquarters on reports received from the contractors' warehouse employees."

"Distribution of the various items was recorded on distribution sheets and the various causes of sections of the work and the sub-contractors were charged with their appropriate amount of work, materials, tool, equipment, cash advances, etc. (concluded on page 2.)"

LORD R. CECIL TAKES CHELWOOD AS HIS TITLE

London, Dec. 21.—Lord Robert Cecil, who was elected to the peerage on November 7, has adopted the title Viscount Cecil of Chelwood, according to The Daily Mail. Chelwood is a hamlet in Sussex where Lord Robert has a country residence.



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Nice Navel Oranges, per dozen, 50c, 40c, 25c and, 15c	Selected Picnic Ham, nice and meaty, per lb., 20c
Extra Fancy Jonathan Apples, per box, \$1.95	Nice Mild Cured Ham, per lb., 34c
Fancy Northern Spy Apples, per box, \$2.25	Fresh Made Creamery Butter, Lawndale Brand, per lb., 45c
Bananas, per dozen, 55c	Independent Creamery Butter, nothing nicer, per lb., 49c
Large Cauliflower, each, 25c	McLaren's Cream Cheese, per jar, 40c and, 75c
Fine Large Celery, per head, 10c	Wetley's Home Made Mince-meat, per lb., 25c
Brussel Sprouts, 3 lbs. for, 25c	Malkin's Best Jelly Powder, all flavors, 3 pkts. for, 25c
New Smyrna Table Figs, per lb., 50c, 35c	Corn on the Cob, 35c
Nice Fresh Dates, 2 lbs. for, 25c	Bonner's California Table Raisins, 1-lb. box, 20c
Christmas Bon-Bons, per box from \$1.85 to, 30c	Nice Orange Pekoe Tea, 3 lbs. for \$1.58, 55c or per lb., 55c
New Crystallized Ginger, per lb. 35c, or 3 lbs. for, \$1.00	Finest B. C. Granulated Sugar, 20-lb. paper bag, \$2.05
New California Walnuts, per lb., 45c	Extra Fine Small Green Peas, packed in Belgium, per tin, 20c
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HIS HONOR PRAISES WORK OF SESSION

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Vincial Police, amendments to the hospital, school, municipal, and other acts should prove beneficial to the Province.

The amendments to the Coal Mines Regulation Act, making for the greater safety of underground workers, meet with my earnest approval.

Bounties to the extent of \$2,000,000 offered on pig-iron production in the Province, together with representations to the Dominion Government—advocating the granting of a Federal subsidy, will, I hope, result at an early date in the establishment of an industrial steel-producing plant in British Columbia.

I thank you for the supplies so generously granted for the public service, and in relieving you from your legislative duties, I trust that the result of your labors will be abundantly blessed in the continued progress and prosperity of the Province.

NEW COMPANIES

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—Authorized capital of \$34,744,000 is represented by companies whose incorporations were reported to The Monetary Times during the week ended December 15, compared with \$11,471,000 for the previous week and with \$12,898,902 for the corresponding week last year.

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TWO VIEWS ON PREFERENCE PLAN

Papers of Old Country Deal With Imperial Conference and Tariff

Some Say British Parliament Has Duty; Denial by Others

London, Dec. 21 (Canadian Press Cable).—The question of the ratification of the preference resolutions which were accepted by the Imperial Conference continues to be the subject of political controversy.

The Daily Telegraph says the Dominions have a right to expect the British Parliament to honor pledges given by British Ministers. "No trust can be placed in our policy if that claim is to be denied," the Telegraph asserts.

On the other hand, The Westminster Gazette declares Premier Baldwin had no kind of right to commit Parliament or the British people to any policy of tariff preference. The Gazette trusts the statements of the Dominions may not be displeased when they realize it is the fault of Mr. Baldwin and his colleagues that the present situation has arisen. The paper adds that as a matter of fact the proposed preferences were in the nature of a free gift from Great Britain and not part of a bargain to which the Dominions contributed, so no great harm has been done.

PRESS OPINIONS ON BY-ELECTION IN KENT, N.B.

Halifax, Dec. 21.—The Halifax Chronicle, dealing with the Kent by-election, says:

"However disagreeable the defeat may be, it should be of service to the Government and to the Liberal Party in revealing points of weakness and emphasizing the need of adjusting the local difficulties. The Government has been so busily employed in its endeavor to clean up the mess in which the country was left by its predecessors in office that little attention has been left for political activities. The issues in Kent were so local that the result has little Federal significance beyond the Government's loss of a seat. The reverses in Kent and Halifax should spur the Liberal Party to greater efforts."

MUST SEEK REMEDY

Montreal, Dec. 21.—Le Canada says:

"The Federal by-election in Halifax could be considered as an accident, due, above everything, to local causes, and with better organization the Liberal Party would have had better chances of victory. But the result in Kent, coming immediately after the other, is not sufficiently explained by reason of locality. There is seen in this double result—both by-elections having taken place in the Maritime Provinces—the indication of a sickness in that part of the country, and a remedy must be sought."

MAIL AND EMPIRE

Toronto, Dec. 21.—The Mail and Empire says:

"For the sensational defeat in Kent, New Brunswick, the King Government cannot blame its own overconfidence or neglect. It put its vetoes in electioneering into the field and gave them pretty large latitude for auctioneering the favor and patronage it possesses."

HALIFAX HERALD

Halifax, Dec. 21.—Dealing with the Kent by-election, The Halifax Herald says:

"The victory for maritime rights is overwhelming. The loss of Halifax and Kent defeats the Government. There can be no possible doubt about that. Mr. King can not face Parliament, certainly he can not face Parliament for the transaction of any but the most formal of routine business. Mr. King's course is plain. It would be politically indecent for him to carry on the Government in the face of such insignificant reverses."

DESIRES ELECTION

Montreal, Dec. 21.—The Montreal Gazette says:

"The electorate has been twice tested, in Halifax and in Kent, and the loud response has been condemnation of the King Government. The victory runs strong against the Ministry and whether or not there be reason for this reaction, the fact remains that the Government has forfeited public confidence. It is much of a case of chickens coming home to roost. So many promises impossible to fulfill and so many battles to catch gudgeons, were cast by the Federal Liberal Party when in opposition which it has been found impossible of accomplishment, that from the failure has come the electoral uprising. The Gazette continues to say the Government is discredited, beaten and beyond hope of resurrection. In these circumstances there is but one course for the Government to pursue. Parliament must be called to vote supplies and to re-distribute seats. This done, an election should be called. No other action is to be tolerated, and if the Premier will reduce to practice the theories of popular government he is fond of preaching, he will call an early session and give the electors at its conclusion an opportunity to express their views."

COMMISSIONS

"The commission paid to the contractor has been determined on the basis of five per cent. on the unit cost of the construction work and five and one-half per cent. on the cost of work orders, extra work and the work at Prince George South. Included in the commission is an allowance of five and one-half per cent. on the forty per cent. value of the inventory of equipment, buildings, etc. on hand at the termination of the contract."

From the information we have at present this commission, amounting to \$5,619.20, was, in our opinion, erroneously allowed to the contractors. The inventory comprising equipment, materials, supplies, stores, etc., valued by the contractors at \$256,418.06, was correctly handed over to the company free of charge.

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DELEGATES FROM U.S. ARE INVITED

Gen. Dawes and O. D. Young to Share in German Inquiry

Reparations Commission to Invite Other Nations' Agents

Paris, Dec. 21.—The reparations Commission this morning decided to offer Charles G. Dawes, of the United States, the presidency of the commission which is to examine German finances.

The Reparations Commission found it necessary to postpone issuing its invitations to the other delegates on the committee aside from those from the United States, but in view of the need of gaining time to permit the representatives from the United States to arrive without delay the names of General Dawes and Owen D. Young, of New York were approved and instructions given that formal invitations be sent them.

Certain formalities connected with selection of the delegates of the other countries remain to be complied with and the invitations to those delegates will be sent as soon as this is done.

FOOD INVESTIGATION

Paris, Dec. 21.—Germany's application for authorization to pledge resources as a guarantee for a food loan from the United States was referred by the Reparations Commission today to the home Governments of the various delegates. At the same time it was decided that the Commission's Committee on Guarantees should make a thorough investigation as to the food situation in Germany.

DECISION LIMITS "BLUE SKY" LAW

Saskatchewan Statute Does Not Affect Federally Incorporated Companies

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—(Canadian Press)—Saskatchewan's "blue sky" legislation is not applicable to a company operating in the province under Dominion charter. Such is the virtual effect of an important judgment rendered by the Supreme Court of Canada today.

TWO SHARES

The case arose originally out of the purchase of one Lukey of two shares of stock from the Rutherford Farmers' Elevator Company of Winnipeg, the Attorney-General of Saskatchewan and the Attorney-General of Ontario intervening. Lukey gave two promissory notes for the stock, and on the notes being dishonored, the company took action to recover the amount. The district court of Yorktown, Sask., dismissed the company's action, but this decision was reversed by the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal. There was then a further appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada, which today upheld the decision of the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal, Mr. Justice Idington dissenting.

NO CERTIFICATE

The point in regard to "blue sky" legislation came up in that, at the time the promissory notes were executed, the Rutherford Farmers' Elevator Company did not have a certificate to sell stock in Saskatchewan, as required by the Saskatchewan Sale of Shares Act.

Salem, Ore., Dec. 21.—Arthur Covell, Coos County astrologer, sentenced to death on the gallows for complicity in the murder of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Ebba Covell, will not be hanged today as sentenced. Pending decision on his appeal, Governor Pierce has issued a reprieve to him.

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MILD WEATHER

SUBJECT OF STUDY

Stupart, Director of Bureau in Toronto, Speaks of Conditions

Toronto, Dec. 21.—"It is one of the most difficult problems in any branch of science," said Sir Frederick Stupart, Director of the Meteorological Bureau here to-day, when asked to explain the phenomenon of present weather conditions. "We don't quite know the cause. It is probably due to a change in the output of heat energy from the sun, which varies from year to year. Why we can not say. The effect is not direct. It may be the result of something which occurred long months ago."

"It might be due to spots on the sun. The more spots the sun the more energy it puts forth, according to Dr. Abbott, who has probably studied this subject more closely than anyone else."

Sir Frederick was skeptical regarding the theory advanced in United States scientific circles that a periodic hot wave struck the Arctic Circle every thirty-five years and that this was one of these years. "Warm weather they are so irregular it is difficult to fix any calculation by them."

"The present drift of the atmosphere is from south to north instead of vice versa and is customary at this time of the year," said Sir Frederick. "The drift of the atmosphere depends, of course, on the pressure. Why the distribution of pressure has been so abnormal recently is a question we cannot answer."

With a mean temperature to date of 37 degrees, the present month is 11 degrees above the average for past December in Toronto. At noon yesterday Toronto's temperature stood at 46.

OPPOSE SLAUGHTER OF FARM ANIMALS

Agriculturists of English Midlands Adopt Resolution

Crewe, Eng., Dec. 21 (Canadian Press Cable).—An acrimonious discussion regarding the "foot and mouth" disease which is now raging among British herds of livestock in many parts of the country closed here yesterday at a gathering which was attended by farmers from all over the Midlands. The meeting was called by the Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire, Colonel Bromley, who declared the Government's slaughter policy had failed to stamp out this terrible scourge. It was lamentable that it witnessed the destruction of thousands of England's best dairy stock, but if isolation were introduced he would not have the desired effect. There were cries of "Yes, it will."

Sir Francis, permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture, said the problem baffled the greatest pathologists of the world. He was convinced that slaughter was the only remedy. They could not sit down with folded hands and let the disease gain. If they did, the consequences would be appalling. A resolution against the slaughter policy was eventually carried by the meeting.

WOMAN LEAPED FROM 200-FOOT CLIFF; IS LIVING

Special to The Times

Sydney, Australia, Dec. 21.—Tired of life for a reason which she steadfastly refuses to give the police, Mrs. Helen Bishop, a woman of twenty-six, leaped over The Gap, a great cliff near the entrance to Sydney Harbor and a favorite place for suicides. The cliff is 200 feet high and falls sheer to the rocks below. No one who ever leaped it—and there have been hundreds—lived to tell of it afterwards. Mrs. Bishop, however, as if by a miracle, survived and she was not even bruised.

She launched herself from the cliff-top with such force that, aided by a strong wind, she fell into the sea instead of on the rocks. She described the fall as "just like a long dive." She was quite conscious throughout, and even when she hit the water, she being an excellent diver and swimmer, did not injure herself. She went down for what appeared to be hours, came to the surface again and swam to a boat in which were fishermen who had seen her amazing leap. She was taken to a hospital, from where she was allowed to go home pending proceedings against her. She remains absolutely silent as to the cause that led her to The Gap and her wild leap, which is believed to have been the greatest taken by a human being who survived to tell of it.

CANADA WILL SHARE IN WORLD POWER CONFERENCE

Montreal, Dec. 21.—Arthur Survevor, S. C. Acres, Arthur Amos and John Murphy have been named joint vice-presidents of the management committee appointed under the direction of Dr. Charles Camell, Deputy Minister of the Department of Mines of Canada, as chairman to organize Canada's participation in the world power conference which will be held in London next July during the British Empire Exhibition. Other members of the committee are J. G. Glasco of Winnipeg and F. R. Glover of Vancouver.

SUICIDE OPINION

Kentville, N.S., Dec. 21.—That Basil Burns, of Canning, N.S., who was found dead on the road near Arlington, N.S., on the night of November 18, came to his death by his own hand, was the opinion reiterated by Medical Examiner Finn at the preliminary hearing yesterday in the case of Clarence Connors, of Canning, charged with manslaughter. He admitted however, that the shot could have been fired in a tussle over the revolver.

AEROPLANE MAIL

SERVICE TO ALASKA

Nenana-McGrath Link Will Mean Great Saving of Time

Seattle, Dec. 21.—By using an aeroplane for carrying mail from McGrath, on the east fork of the Kuskokwim River, 100 miles by air line southeast of St. Michael, Alaska, to Nenana, an important station on the Alaska Railroad, the transmission time for mail service for the 230 miles will be reduced from twenty days by dog team to three hours. Superintendent W. C. Vandervoort, of the Seattle District, announced to-day.

Negotiations have been pending for many months between the Government mail department and Carl M. Ellenson, aviator at Fairbanks, Alaska, the terminus of the Government railroad.

The route will be from Nenana to the headwaters of the Kuskokwim River, across Lake Minchumina, and then to McGrath, which is the postal distributing point of Ophir, Takotna, Iditarod and Flat City. Superintendent Vandervoort declared.

REGARDED DEATH AS AN ADVENTURE

Miss Frances Stoke, Winnipeg, Committed Suicide in Detroit

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 21.—"I have lost my illusions but I am not sorry. They were without value and only fools regret the loss of worthless valuables. Life is nothing. It victimizes both men and women."

"Death is only adventure worth while to those who have lived. Let those who have not lived be in fear of death. I, who have lived, wish only to die. Oh, what a thrill it will give me!"

Miss Frances Stoke, twenty-two-year-old Winnipeg girl, awaiting trial for deportation, confided her philosophy yesterday afternoon to Mrs. Evelyn Taylor, of 1504 Chen Street, with whom she had made her home for days.

Miss Stoke wanted to go to a nearby drugstore, where she purchased a number of Christmas postal cards. She took them to her apartment, where she had not been able to get them on them to her mother, her sisters and her brothers in Winnipeg and mailed them.

Fifteen minutes later she drank a bottle of carbolic acid and, behind the closed doors of her room she died almost immediately.

FOUND NO WORK
Miss Stoke's death was a mystery to Mrs. Taylor. "I met her in a restaurant here four days ago," she said. "I was struck with her appearance. She told me she had come to Detroit only recently and had not been able to obtain work. She was the kind of girl one instinctively trusts. I invited her to come to live with me until she could get employment."

POLICE INQUIRY CAME TO AN END

Following R.C.M.P. Narcotic Investigation Commissioner to Send Report to Ottawa

Vancouver, Dec. 21.—The inquiry into allegations of irregularities laid out by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, ended here yesterday afternoon. Commissioner J. P. Smith, K.C., made no answer to the charges as to when a report would be delivered to the Minister of Justice at Ottawa.

The concluding moments of the commission's final sitting were quiet save for the unexpected action of E. P. Davis, K.C., acting on behalf of the Department of Justice, announcing there would be no argument in support of the defence. A predominant feature throughout the hearing and the basis of a side issue inasmuch as Special Agent, F. W. Eccles is facing a charge of perjury in the higher courts, the "green cap" incident occupied the spotlight until the last. Prior to his announcement that he was at the end of his string of defence, Mr. Davis presented to Commissioner Smith the complete file concerning the much discussed craft and its accompanying details.

The inquiry lasted more than a month, there being twenty daily sittings. The first sittings were held in Victoria, from where the inquiry was transferred here.

MAORIS WENT IN CROWD TO JAIL; NO DOG TAX NOW

Special to The Times

Auckland, N.Z., Dec. 21.—When the Maori of the Chatham Islands, a dependency of New Zealand, were ordered to pay the dog tax they did not refuse. They did not do anything else either.

Then they were summoned. They attended in a crowd at the native police court and sat around and said nothing. The magistrate inflicted the usual small fines and looked surprised that no native came forward to explain.

Then the court tried to collect the tax. The Maori did nothing, but moved off in a body 200 strong to the jail. Outside it they insisted they should be imprisoned, but as the jail would be crowded by a dozen—the Chatham being well-behaved and altogether peaceable islands—there was nothing to do but send them all home.

TO BE EXECUTED
Buffalo, N.Y., Dec. 21.—County Judge Noonan yesterday sentenced Patrick J. Murphy to die in the electric chair during the week of January 28. He is one of five bandits implicated in the robbery of the Bingham-Bambach drug store on November 11, during which Mrs. Bingham was slain. Murphy was found guilty of first-degree murder.

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A frilly Vestee or Peter Pan Collar and Cuff Set are gifts that always receive a hearty welcome. They brighten up dark dresses, and no feminine wardrobe is complete without them. View our holiday showing. Priced at 75¢ to \$3.99

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BEER KILLED TWO MEN IN HAVANA

Believed Poisoned Liquid Was Provided During Brewery Strike

Havana, Dec. 21.—The Government yesterday seized all the bottled beer because of a certain brewery that could be found in cafes and bars in Havana, because two men had died and five had been made seriously ill by drinking what the police declared to have been poisoned beer from bottles marked with the label of the brewery. The police are working on the theory that because of a strike in the brewery the strikers substituted bottles of poisoned beer for the original brand. Three men have been arrested.

CHURCH AND HOUSE DESTROYED BY FIRE

Brantford, Ont., Dec. 21.—Thought to have been caused by an explosion of the acetylene heating plant, fire completely destroyed the Methodist Church and parsonage at Oshweken yesterday. With all avenues of es-

11,500 BOTTLES OF BEER SEIZED IN CAR IN TORONTO

Toronto, Dec. 21.—Shipped as ship-goods in a Canadian National Railway car, 11,500 bottles of "export" beer were seized last night by provincial police at Parkdale, Toronto. The car was consigned to a point in the United States. A prosecution will likely result.

Tea - as it Should be

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THE SESSION

It may be that those somewhat farther removed from the scene than we are will wonder whether anything except a number of hackneyed and controversial political subjects have been discussed by the law makers of this Province during the weeks that have been consumed by the session which came to an end this morning. In a general sense it would not be surprising if such a conclusion has been reached in many minds throughout the Province. The newspapers very naturally have had a good innings with the more sensational turns on the legislative programme and perhaps more than an ordinary number of eulogies have been given.

At the same time a good deal of useful business has been sandwiched between the less profitable arguments that have been bandied across the House in the entertaining manner to which the galleries have become accustomed. We can direct the attention of the people of the Province to the budget proposals of Mr. Hart. Among them was the very satisfactory announcement of a substantial reduction in certain forms of taxation—always welcome naturally—but indicative of an economic condition that will satisfy the financial world quicker than reams of flamboyant verbiage. In fact the budget as a whole was constructive and informative to a degree and will easily rank as one of the most satisfactory financial documents which has been presented to the Legislature for many years.

The road programme which Dr. Sutherland announced; the immigration and settlement plans that Mr. Pattullo dealt with on lines that are demanded by the times; and a number of matters that are of real concern to the Province helped to make up in substantial form for some of the abortive discussion which will never be avoided until there is a general agreement to forego some of the needless forensic exhibition. On the whole, therefore, the session has been a profitable one and the Government has no reason for disappointment over the results which have been achieved.

SHOULD BE FULL VOTE

While the ordinary civic election may not be taken as a guide in all its detail because on those occasions everybody who has paid the road tax may vote, the property owners of this city might do worse than study the general apathy which has marked the annual aldermanic contest from 1920 to 1923. With the single exception of 1922, when the Gyo Club undertook to get as many to register as possible and followed it up by seeing that they voted, less than fifty per cent. of the electorate marked ballots. In the recent elections the apathy was decidedly marked and the percentage dropped to a little over thirty-one. There is no means of discovering how many of these 3,704 who went to the polls were property owners. No doubt their more definite interest in civic affairs would have been responsible for a fairly substantial turnout; but in view of the fact that only a few days remain before they will be asked to give their verdict in connection with the Amusement Centre it should be borne in mind that the 1923 elections brought out less than one third of the total of registered voters.

IRON AND STEEL

Guaranteeing bonds and providing bounties sometimes turn out to be poor business for the people who find the money. If either arrangement is to be satisfactory all round it is essential that rigid safeguards be erected. At the same time the people of this Province will welcome the proposal in respect of a bounty on pig iron produced in British Columbia because it is a manifestation of the active interest of the Government in the all important beginnings of an enterprise that must eventually find firm ground for operation in this part of the world.

It is also gratifying to know from the Minister of Mines that a provincial concern on its own account is investigating the feasibility of going into the business on a progressive scale. In this case there is no suggestion that the Province should be asked to father the project by guaranteeing bonds. After all this is as it should be. And it follows that if all the requisite raw materials and power are available—and we know they abound in plenty—and a market awaits, the success of the venture should be assured without the assistance of the provincial treasury in any large way. In its investigations a local concern acquainted with the natural resources of the Province and conditions of competition in particular should be able to arrive at a fairly accurate estimate of the prospects. In any event the people will await with interest the working of the bounty arrangement and look forward to an announcement in relation to the more definite project to which the Minister referred.

THE KENT ELECTION

Federal Liberal circles will be keenly disappointed in the loss of Kent, New Brunswick, in the by-election occasioned yesterday by the death of the sitting member, particularly in view of defeat in Halifax a short time ago. It is evident that the Government cause in the Maritime Provinces is feeling the reaction of economic conditions and these, of course, become a formidable weapon in the hands of opponents in addition to such local factors which can be made favorable to them. Since 1900 Kent has been regarded as a safe Lib-

eral constituency, the Conservatives having broken into it but once; and that was in 1911 when the electors rejected the reciprocity issue. Prior to 1900 it was considered to be a Conservative riding, only two Liberals having been returned there in thirty-three years. It has a large proportion of French speaking voters and its representatives at Ottawa have been invariably French Canadians.

Yesterday's result portends a general Federal election next year because with the adverse outcome of the Halifax contest it leaves the Government in an unsatisfactory position in the House of Commons. It is not an untenable position by any means because it is difficult to imagine any vital issue upon which the Progressives and Independents who hold the balance of power, would unite with the Conservatives in defeating the Government. But it will be considered by the Administration as restricting its freedom in the determination of policy. It means that the Progressives and Independents will be able to dictate the business of Parliament if they wish to assume that role.

CALL HIS BLUFF

Foreign Minister Tchetichin says that the Russian Soviet Government has never sent any documents to the American Workers' Party and if such exist they are forgeries. In fact he suggests that Russia would like the matter submitted for arbitration.

The word of a Soviet Minister usually has to be taken with a grain of salt. He is known by his works and there is plenty of evidence to show that the gang at Moscow is guilty of double dealing. But it might not be a bad plan if the United States were to call Tchetichin's bluff in this instance.

WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED

Canada never was under any illusion in respect of the preferences that were more or less promised by the British Government at the Imperial Conference. Premier King was willing, and is still willing, to take what he can get; but he asked for nothing and perhaps expected no more. He kept in mind the important fact that the Baldwin Cabinet was playing with fire as soon as the preference proposals were made, and he, in common with everybody who has followed Canadian policy, was prepared to wait until the British Parliament had had a go at them before rising to any heights of jubilation. It was never expected that he would follow the line adopted by the other Dominions and look upon the promises as binding. In this he is assuming the same silence that Sir Wilfrid Laurier would have adopted if he had been placed in a similar position. He does not expect the people of Britain to be saddled with any proposal which is not endorsed by their representatives, especially where the proposal intrudes upon a fiscal holy of holies. And the Imperial Conference itself endorsed the stand which the King Government took—at the time of the Chanak affair more than twelve months ago—in matters that require parliamentary consultation. It cuts both ways.

Note and Comment

This is the shortest day of the year and everything is still green and without frost.

No more can the Arctic boast of its romance. Where is the glamor of conquest over frozen snows if a radio concert in Chicago is going to disturb the solitude of the North Pole?

The Westminster Gazette is of the opinion that the Soviet Government of Russia may recognize its debt to Great Britain. We observe the word "may." John Bull believes in a policy of "pay."

No doubt our legislators are glad that the annual exchange of political ideas can once more be forgotten. There were times when matters got quite exciting; but no serious casualties are reported.

Reports from Great Britain indicate bright prospects for better times next year. Unemployment is still on the decrease and it looks as if the figures will be down to 1,000,000. This is different from the 2,000,000 predicted and the general outlook must be puzzling to the protectionists.

Some Thoughts for To-day

Welcome, my old friend,
Welcome to a foreign fireside.
Longfellow.

License they mean when they cry, Liberty!
For who loves that, must first be wise and good
Milton.

Here the heart
May give a useful lesson to the head,
And learning wiser grew without his books.
Cowper.

Our Contemporaries

WHISKY AND UNEMPLOYMENT.
Montreal Gazette:—All the whisky interests in England, Scotland and Ireland have united to press for reduction in the whisky tax. "Their theory seems to be that more whisky consumption is a cure for unemployment."

AN AFRICAN VIEW.
Natal Advertiser:—Our young nations should go with outstretched hands asking for preference over the foreigner. But those outstretched hands should not be empty. We should not ask everything and give nothing. And though Imperial preference is a wise policy whether the Dominions are grateful or not for it, it would be more seeming to know that we were no longer asking for bigger sacrifices than we were prepared ourselves to make to accomplish a closer Imperial understanding.

Other People's Views

WHY A PLEBISCITE?

To the Editor:—I would like to ask, through the medium of your paper, why B. C. should be put to the trouble and expense of a plebiscite on the beer question.

The present Government has been given a straight and clear mandate to control the liquor traffic. Our legislators, when they are stumping the country for votes at election time, all claim to be business men, capable of managing the business of this Province. It is not an admission of weakness and incapacity on their part, to spend peoples' money (especially in these hard times), just to ask how they must do their job.

The present Government has the greatest opportunity any government ever had or could have, to bring about the temperance. If they grant a license to sell beer, to any private individual, the more beer that person sells the more money he gets. Therefore, he has an incentive to sell beer to a man who he knows has already had enough.

If our legislators were real business men they would establish good class hotels in good class localities for the sale of beer only. They would fix up these hotels in good style so that a man would not be ashamed to go in, or even to take his wife in. If they were real business men they would never again allow a bar to open in B. C.

There are plenty of good straight men (even amongst the prohibitionists) to be had who would manage these hotels. A manager would have a big advantage over the ordinary landlord. He would have a fixed salary and instead of having an incentive to sell beer, he would have an incentive to keep people sober, knowing full well that if anyone left his hotel drunk—he would be immediately fired. If our legislators were real business men they would not stop there. Two of them were not shareholders in existing breweries, would not be content to sell to anyone what the B. C. brewers call beer.

They have all the profits from the sale of liquor to back them and a complete monopoly of the beer trade, and if the present brewers would not become the old-fashioned prize-brewers (which is wholesale and a decided food value) they would establish a government brewery and supply the Province with pure beer. If the present Government would tackle this problem in a real business way, they would have the support of every man and woman in the Province who believes in true temperance.

Z. R. B.
Victoria, December 17, 1923.

ELK LAKE

To the Editor:—I note there has been some criticism in the press concerning developments at Elk Lake.

Whether these developments are in the best interests of the citizens and ratepayers is a matter of opinion. I would, however, point out, without going into arguments and perhaps premature announcements, that for some years the majority of the City Council has favored the project. Also that the legislation under which the present work is proceeding was secured in ex-Mayor Porter's regime in 1918, and Mayor Porter, Mayor Todd and Mayor Hayward each suffered or suffered sufficiently from too much taxation upon their city holdings of land to make certain that Elk Lake would not have received their support unless, in their opinion, the favorable aspects much outweighed those to the contrary.

What is being done is also approved of by the Victoria-Saanich beaches and parks committee—a joint committee of the Victoria and Saanich municipal councils—and by others who have been consulted, among whom are Mayor Hayward, Reeves Watson, Aldermen Decker and Bar, Councillors Macneil, Brooks and Lehman, B. C. Nicholas, C. L. Harrison, H. Langley, Major H. C. Holmes, W. S. Drewery, E. E. Bull, Hinghurst, Canon Hinchcliffe, M.L.A., M. B. Jackson, M.L.A., J. B. Clearhugh, M.L.A., R. B. Ker, the late A. Lineham, J. W. Spencer, J. L. Tait, J. K. Wilson, H. F. Johnson, A. E. Humphries, T. H. O. Kirkham, the late C. T. Cross, F. Waring and a number of other well-known gentlemen, whose opinions and advice have been sought on previous occasions, such as ex-Reeve George McGregor of Saanich and others.

Any suggestion of wasteful expenditure at Elk Lake is unjustified and is not in accordance with the facts. Nor is it correct or fair of critics to compare a municipal golf links, occupying a site exempt from either first cost or taxation on account of the lands being a part of Victoria's or Greater Victoria's parkland, with other municipal golf projects that have previously been considered in Victoria which have involved leased sites, etc.

In this matter all concerned, up to the present, have insisted upon a pay-as-you-go policy, which means economical and careful expenditure out of current revenue and I have been careful to see that no legislation contains any powers for borrowing in connection with this development. Consequently when the work is completed or details of the work from time to time—it will have been paid for, and no burden of debt or interest payment etc. to worry ourselves and coming generations of taxpayers. It is too bad that this policy was not long since adopted in other and greater matters.

This letter is not intended as an argument in favor of the development of Elk Lake—that is a different matter. It is simply a brief statement to show that proper consideration and authority exist for what has been done. Properly elected and properly constituted representative bodies over a period of several years have agreed that the development is desirable, and in carrying on the work they are simply exercising the responsibility for which they have been appointed and elected.

A. E. TODD
Victoria, B.C., December 20, 1923.

SALE OF BEER IN LICENSED PREMISES

To the Editor:—Are the people of British Columbia going to stand for a return to the bar? This is practically what the proposed bill guarantees. The Attorney-General says there is to be no bar. He evidently thinks the brass rail counter and mirrors constitute the bar, but that beer stocked in dining-rooms and served at tables would not be a bar. In this he is mistaken. The system is the same. The trading practice which was the course of the old bar will be more pronounced. When the old bar was in operation frequenters after getting a glass of liquor would often go about their business, but

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how will it work out under the proposed system? I can imagine men, probably accompanied by women, taking comfortable seats in the dining-room (bar) which the veteran hotelman knows how to make attractive, and instead of one drink, there will be treating all round until the whole party are more or less intoxicated.

Women formerly did not frequent the bars in this country, but with the Attorney-General guarantee that no women will be found drinking in the beer parlors. He says there will be no dancing, and he is possibly right.

I think the people of B.C. have a right to know who are the parties clamoring for a return to the sale of beer by the glass in hotels. Is it the liquor interests or the working men? The Attorney-General would scarcely be influenced by the brewers and hotelmen, from the high conception he holds of his office. He was reported in the press as stating shortly after he had assumed office that his administration of the Liquor Act would not be for profit, but for the moral welfare of the people.

The Government in fathering this beer measure are bottling up for themselves all kinds of trouble, and they would be well advised to leave it alone. If it becomes law I predict a short reign for the Government and the liquor interests as well.

A LIBERAL.
Victoria, Dec. 20, 1923.

Canadian Anniversaries

December 21, 1894

Sir Mackenzie Bowell became Prime Minister of Canada on this date and remained at the head of the Government at Ottawa until April 1896, when he resigned as the outcome of a division in the Government over the Manitoba Catholic School question in connection with the Remedial Bill. He represented North Hastings in the House of Commons as a Conservative from 1867 till 1896, and was in turn Minister of Customs, Minister of Militia, and Minister of Trade and Commerce, then Premier.

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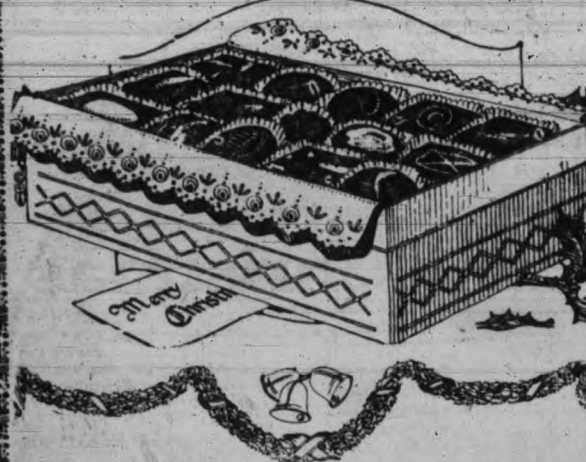
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WORLD WILL LOOK TO VICTORIA, SAYS NEW YORK VISITOR

San Carlos Opera Company Representative Talks on Amusement Centre

Having in mind the spacious concert hall and the wonderful pipe organ that it is proposed to bring to Victoria in the Crystal Garden, Charles D. Isaacson, who for years has been the music critic of The New York Globe and The New York Mail, describes the proposed amusement centre as the greatest thing that could happen to Victoria. "It will give a new impetus to the life of the city," he says. "The wonderful orchestra and concerts will give a cheerful and bright aspect to affairs in the city that is not realized at present, in addition to the great prestige that it will bring Victoria throughout the world."

Mr. Isaacson who has devoted his life to bringing music to the people speaks interestingly of music as it reaches the every day life of the people and in an address to the Rotary Club yesterday, he spoke on "The Real Estate Value of Music." Speaking of what the Amusement Centre will do for Victoria, he said: "When you create a love of art and particularly music, you open men's minds and revolutionize them. They become receptive to better things. Without this you are talking to a closed book. An Amusement Centre such as is proposed in Victoria, offering the opportunities which it does, will change the whole mental attitude of the people. As long as people have only cheap tastes their minds are only open for things that are cheap and are closed to every beautiful proposal."

Leaders of industry recognize, Mr. Isaacson claims, the value of music and look upon money invested in music as money well invested. He referred to the \$5,000,000 School of Music recently opened in Rochester, and the Baugh Musical Festival at Lehigh University at Bethlehem. Mr. Isaacson has been sent to Victoria by Fortune Gallo, impresario of the San Carlos Grand Opera Company, in advance of the company which visits the Royal Victoria on January 2 and 3, and present Rigoletto and Madame Butterfly, and as his life has been devoted to bringing high-class music to the public, makes a capable representative. Less than two per cent of the public are concert and opera going people, Mr. Isaacson points out, and the blame for this he puts on the artists and the people who are behind music. "If they would become missionaries of religion the people would grow into the opera and concert and derive from them all the beauty that they contain."

Mr. Isaacson has been one of the missionaries of which he speaks. A member of a musical family whose interests were centred in music he was hailed at the age of seven years as an infant prodigy. He realized, however, that only a small minority of the people comprised the audiences which went to operas and concerts. To the annoyance of his parents he placed aside his violin and gave up the career that was before him to reach the people.

For more than nine years he has given public musical meetings in New York, reaching over three and a half million people. A volunteer committee of 1250 people have helped him in 150 centres and artists and newspapers have generously come to his support. At each of the meetings Mr. Isaacson has told the story of fine music.

Grand Opera, Mr. Isaacson says, in calling attention to the performances of the San Carlos Company, which from his experience as a critic he described as second only to the Metropolitan Company, is not difficult to understand. It is something which everybody can enjoy. The wonderful story of Rigoletto with its tense and dramatic situations and gripping interest, he points to, as something containing an appeal for all.

The Company will bring to the city a remarkable woman in Cornelia Escobedo who is a Mexican, and who has for years been prima donna at Barcelona.

M. Onofrai, the tenor, Mario Bayola, the baritone, and Stella De Mette, are other artists who take

part in Rigoletto. The second opera brings Haru Onuki, the greatest Japanese prima donna to-day, who very appropriately takes the lead in Madame Butterfly. With her is Mario Valle and an excellent cast of over one hundred.

Folk-lore Songs and Christmastide Play Prove Interesting

To reproduce song and dance of the seventeenth century, with a Christmas play in which nearly forty performers took part, would appear to be an undertaking of magnitude, more especially upon a small stage; but this is just what Miss Clara Powell and her amateur company accomplished Thursday evening, in the Congregational Church Schoolroom, and with credit to herself and her pupils.

Folk Lore songs and choruses figured largely in the proceedings and the reception accorded proved that these ancient ditties yet hold their own against popular present day ballads. Special mention in the evening's entertainment must be given to the children, Miss Clara Powell with little Julia Meighen as Queen, being specially clever, while the children in this, as in all their work entered into the spirit with plenty of dash. Mrs. Powell gave an amusing Chinese sketch in costume. The Christmas play was a success in spite of the fact that there had been no full dress rehearsal and a number of children were prevented from taking part through illness. Mr. Turner cleverly stepped into the breach caused by the regrettable illness of Mr. Allen, his naive stories of old London causing fits of laughter. Mrs. Walker admirably sustained the dignified character of Mistress Le Strange, while Ashfield Walker gave a clever personification of an old English retainer.

Mrs. Crowell made a successful debut in the character of "Leonard," and shows fine promise. Of the two girls "Sylvia" and "Marjorie," Miss Thomson and Miss Gilling, both of whom did dress rehearsal, but praise could be said, Miss Thomson with her fine contralto voice and dramatic power entered very fully into the part of the head maid, Miss E. Muir besides rendering pretty music in the first part, made a charming "Celia." Of the villagers great commendation must be given to "Kate" (Mrs. Barton), and "Polly" (Miss Mason); the latter's amusing song being much appreciated.

Joe Pearce's voice and action were alike excellent and Mrs. Vokes' fine acting was notable. The carols and songs sung by the villagers were in keeping with the season, and the finale of the play with the "Coventry Carol" slowly sung as the procession wound its way out, was very effective. The rhymes from the children and the dances were very well carried out. Miss Powell's folk songs were highly appreciated and usual. The choruses were given with vim. Thanks are due to Mrs. Curtis for valuable assistance in the dress of Bartholomew for antique furniture; Mr. Howells for his effective lighting; Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Ozard for helping in transport, etc. Many of the audience expressed a desire for its repetition.

It Must Have Been a Real Party at the Aged Men's Home

Here is the story as it was told to The Times:

"We, that is members of the Victoria Lodge No. 1, I.O.O.F., went to the Aged Men's Home Wednesday evening to entertain them as we do around every Christmas. We took up a good supply of oranges, nuts, dates and Christmas provisions. Fred Landsberg was in the chair. He told some of those old men stories that had them rocking in their seats. One of them had to stand up to laugh. He introduced W. J. Wright, a Scotchman, who brought out his grip a couple of bottles of Scotch and an array of glasses and did the honors nobly. There were other bottles of Scotch disposed of during the evening, and a dozen or two of beer. Did they enjoy it? We'll tell the world. Then we had a programme with lots of variety and plenty of jazz music, with the trap drums and the whole outfit, and believe me, if the ladies had been there some of the old fellows would have got and shaken a wicked angle. There were some good snappy numbers on the programme, and after the concert we all joined hands alternating with a young man and an old one with Captain Shrapnel, the oldest man

in the home, who is on his way to ninety years, in the centre, and sang "Auld Lang Syne." It was a great success."

Messrs. Jack and Joe Dobie, Must "Yorkie," Randa, Carter and Davis contributed to the programme. Alf Steer, the lodge pianist, made a first class accompanist.

Times Book Review By Prof. W. T. Allison LITERARY NOTES

I wish to correct a mistake that appeared in my article last week in a reference to the French-Canadian poems included in "A Book of Canadian Verse and Prose," edited by E. K. and E. H. Broadus. A sentence which read "These poems are not given in the original" should have read, "are given in the original." The negative was a slip of the typewriter.

The Macmillan Company of Canada, Limited, have in course of preparation a book of poems by Mrs. Annie C. Dalton has assembled a strong Philosophical and evolutionary poem from which the volume takes its name, and a number of shorter ones, some of light vein. Two poems by Mrs. Dalton are included in a Dominion Anthology just published.

shed by The Merton Press, London, England. This second volume of poetry contains none of the poems familiar to many under the title "The Marriage of Music" which came out some years ago. "Flame and Adventure" will probably make its appearance soon after the New Year. There are several striking illustrations.

A delightful article on "Some Letters from Matthew Arnold to Robert Browning," by John Drinkwater, is among the contents of the current "Cornhill." These are now first published, and though several are little more than invitations to dinner, the letters as a whole throw happy sidelights on a very gracious, and charming friendship.

What is believed to be a record in motion-picture sales is announced by George H. Boran, Company Metro Pictures Corporation paid \$25,000 for the motion-picture rights to "The Wife of the Centaur," by Cyril Hume. This is Mr. Hume's first novel and his first book. He is only twenty-three years of age. The sale was made about a week after the publication of the book.

A young Irishman Liam O'Flaherty, author of "Thy Neighbor's Wife" (Cape, London) says that after the war everybody wanted him to settle

down but he tells us that he "chose Shelley's poetry, Haeceler's 'Riddle of the Universe,' and the open road. I went to London in September, 1918, and then for the first time in my life I felt really free and happy. One week I was a foreman in a brewery, the next week I was a night-porter in a hotel. The next week I turned down the offer of a job in a musical comedy and became a clerk in a Piccadilly business house. And a fortnight later I got sick of London and joined a tramp steamer bound for Rio De Janeiro as a coal trimmer. Ah, the joy of the first tropical moon on a still sea! And the joy of the shoal of flying fish!"

"Then I moved rapidly from Rio to Liverpool, thence to Cardiff, to Alexandria, Salonica, Constantinople, Smyrna, Malta, Gibraltar, Montreal, I crossed all Ontario, Manitoba, Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. I crossed into the United States and tramped and worked in about twelve states. I embarked again at New York and visited Barbados, Pernambuco, Bahia, Rio, Santos, Paranaqua, Rio Grande Do Sul, Montevideo, and Buenos Aires, Hamburg and Cardiff. Thence I went to Ireland with a bad attack of neurasthenia. I refuse to believe, however, that this restless young Irishman covered all this territory in two years. He says "I covered all Ontario,

Manitoba, Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia." Manitoba seems out of place here. It would take him more than two years to cover that province alone, to say nothing of Quebec! W. T. A.

BOOK REVIEW

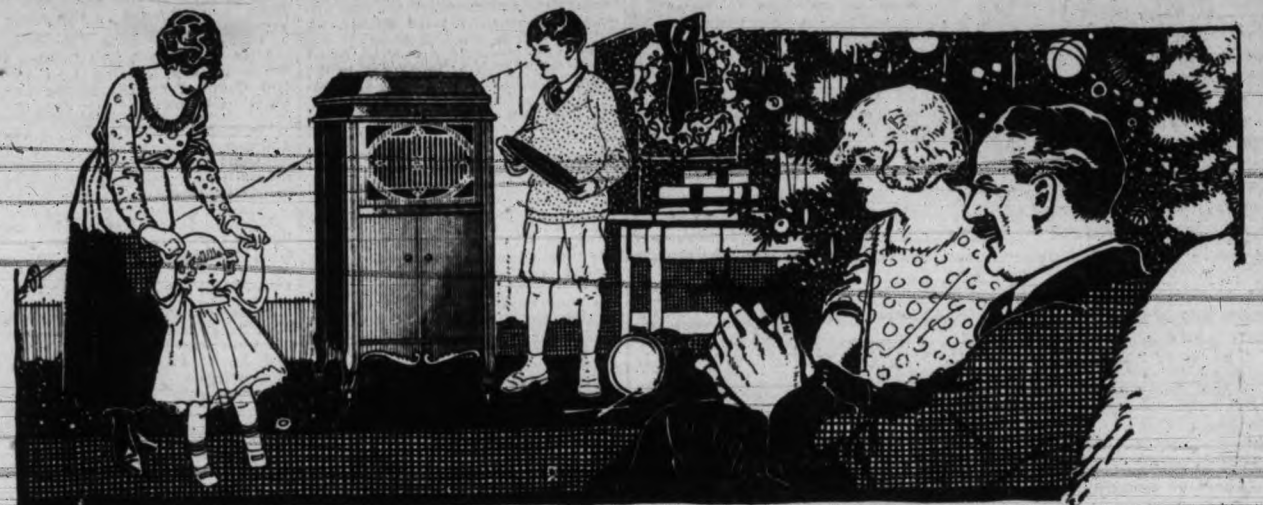
"The World Crisis, 1915," by Winston Churchill (Macmillan). The second volume in a great masterpiece of historical writing, dealing with the most dramatic year of the war.

"Is It Peace?" by David Lloyd George (Hodder). The articles and addresses collected in this volume represent a running comment on the European situation during the past year.

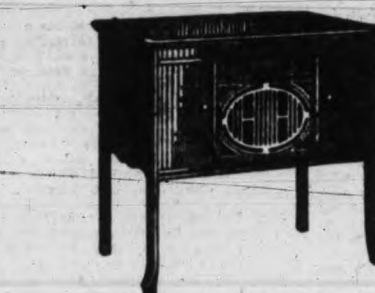
"When There Is No Peace," by the author of "The Pomp of Power" (McLelland). A lively volume in which this anonymous writer attacks Lloyd George, Ludendorff, and the new diplomacy. The writer shows an intimate knowledge of French affairs and policies.

"The Irresistible Movement of Democracy," by John Simpson Penman (Macmillan). This valuable book sets forth at great length the progress of democracy in England, in France, and in the United States from about 1760 to the present time.

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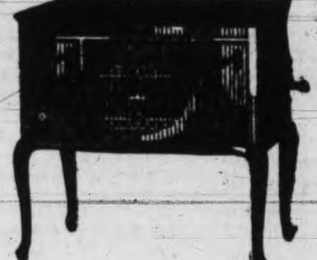
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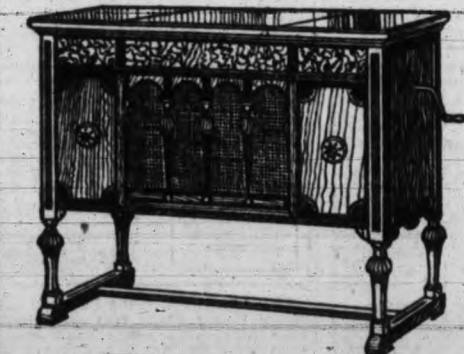


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ture, maximum yesterday, 44; minimum, 10; wind, 6 miles E.; rain, trace; weather, fair.
Vancouver—Barometer, 30.36; temperature, maximum yesterday, 42; minimum, 40; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, 22; weather, clear.
Kamloops—Barometer, 30.30; temperature, maximum yesterday, 24; minimum, 28; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, 22; weather, clear.
Barkerville—Barometer, 30.16; temperature, maximum yesterday, 45; minimum, 40; wind, 4 miles S.E.; rain, 12; weather, cloudy.
Kesteven—Barometer, 30.15; temperature, maximum yesterday, 48; minimum, 40; wind, 14 miles S.E.; rain, 12; weather, cloudy.
Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.61; temperature, maximum yesterday, 42; minimum, 42; wind, 12 miles E.; rain, 20; weather, cloudy.
Tatoosh—Barometer, 30.28; temperature, maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 28; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, 20; weather, cloudy.
Portland, Ore.—Barometer, 30.36; temperature, maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 28; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, 20; weather, cloudy.
Seattle—Barometer, 30.38; temperature, maximum yesterday, 42; minimum, 42; wind, 4 miles S.E.; rain, 20; weather, cloudy.
San Francisco—Barometer, 30.20; temperature, maximum yesterday, 66; minimum, 41; wind, 4 miles S.W.; weather, cloudy.

Temperature	Max.	Min.
Victoria	44	10
Vancouver	42	40
Pentton	42	40
Grand Forks	42	40
Nelson	42	40
Calgary	42	40
Edmonton	42	40
Qu'Appelle	42	40
Regina	42	40
Winnipeg	42	40
Saskatoon	42	40
Toronto	42	40
Ottawa	42	40
Montreal	42	40
St. John	42	40
Halifax	42	40

IN WOMAN'S DOMAIN



Paterfamilias Gets Chance to See Shops

Yesterday evening the stores extended their shopping hours for an evening session to accommodate the busy people who cannot make their purchases in the regular hours. The majority of the stores remained open until nine o'clock, and the streets were thronged with appreciative family parties enjoying the many effective window displays. A reasonable amount of business also was done, but last night was first and foremost a "looking round" occasion, many paterfamilias taking this opportunity of "seeing the shops" as a necessary preliminary to later well-considered purchases.

The later closing will be in force right up to and including Christmas Eve.

Royal Bank Dance Scores Big Success

A thoroughly delightful affair was the dance given last night by the staff of the Royal Bank of Canada, when a large crowd assembled in the Chamber of Commerce auditorium and danced from 9 till 11 o'clock to the jolly music of Zala's orchestra.

Many novelty dances were the programme and increased the fun, and numerous encores were demanded. Supper was served and added to the general success of the evening, much credit for the affair being due to the committee, including Mr. A. D. May, chairman; Miss Gertrude Rolis, Miss Walker, Mr. Jack Patterson, Harold Stenson and Mr. A. J. Ross.

STAGE EGG-JUDGING COMPETITION

The British Columbia Poultry Association will hold an educational egg judging competition for boys and girls at the annual poultry show of the Victoria Poultry Association in the Poultry Building, Willows, December 31, January 1 and 2. It was announced today by Prof. J. R. Terry, head of the B. C. Poultry Branch.

Classes are to be provided for both boys and girls and competitors are to be between the ages of ten and fourteen years.

The association has secured the services of Mr. W. Hagger, who has charge of the egg-judging inspection work for Vancouver Island. He will give a short address to the children and then demonstrate the proper method of judging eggs. Each competitor will then be given some eggs to candle and give their reasons for their judgments.

The competition is free and there will be four cash prizes for each class.

Names of boys or girls wishing to enter the competition are being received by Prof. Terry, Department of Agriculture, Parliament Buildings, either by phone or mail.

GARDEN CITY WOMEN BUSY

The Garden City Women's Institute and the Marigold Men's Social Club are holding a whist drive on Friday, December 21, at 8 p.m. in the Marigold Hall. Prizes will be given and refreshments served. Mrs. W. H. Mix, secretary, announced today.

The members and friends of the J.E.A.A. are looking forward with keen anticipation to the Boxing Day dance which is being arranged by the Association. The dance will be held at the Empress Hotel, and the University of Washington Orchestra will be in attendance to provide the latest thing in up-to-the-minute jazz. Dancing will continue from 9 till 1 o'clock, and tickets for the affair may be had from Kent's Edison Store, Hartley's, Wilkerson's, and the Empress Hotel.

The Liberal Ladies' Social Club will have the assistance of Ward One Liberals in making their opening dance at the Chamber of Commerce rooms on Saturday next a success. Dancing will start at 2 p.m. sharp and continue until midnight. During the evening a drawing for Christmas turkeys will take place. Tickets for this event are free and will be given to each person entering the hall. Zala's orchestra will be in attendance and the latest dance music is assured.

The children of Strawberry Vale School held a successful Christmas concert in the hall on Wednesday evening. Over fifty dollars was taken in to pay the balance due on the school piano.

YOUR HOME AND YOU

By HELEN KENDALL

The Children's Own Shopping

Last Christmas, when I opened one of the family boxes that come each year filled with many small gifts, from every member of one branch of relatives to every member of the other branch, I came across a package labeled "From Little Philip to Aunt Helen." It contained a little ribbon do-funny concealing some lingerie tape and an ivory bodkin.

I laughed aloud. Little Philip is a rip-snorting, mischievous small boy, without a feminine thought in his head. Of course I knew that he only had not sent the funny little case, but that he hadn't even seen it. It was sent by some of his feminine elders, and his name was pinned in it. I felt to wonder just what he had sent me if he had picked it out himself. And I heartily wished he had!

That's the thinking of the amusing story I heard a few years ago of a little child who was given fifteen cents apiece to spend for each member of his family, and sent out alone to do his Christmas shopping—with a watchful mother in the background, of course. He proclaimed, as we all do, that he hadn't the least idea how to give anybody.

"Pick out just what you think each one would like best of all," his mother advised him.

Well, he came back with gifts that exhibited his powers of observation and sagacity. He got his mother a ten-cent wrist-watch, because he

Dr. G. A. B. Hall, of Nanaimo, is spending a few days in Victoria.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil French and Major French are spending the Christmas holidays out of town.

Mr. Charles Marston, Fell Street, of Jordan River, is home for the Christmas holidays.

Captain V. Sparks, of the cable-ship Restorer, accompanied by Mrs. Sparks, left yesterday afternoon on a short business trip to Vancouver.

Mr. Ian Todd, of Alberni, is spending a few weeks' holiday in Victoria as the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dundas Todd.

Mrs. J. Franks, who has been on a visit to Hon. Walter Scott and Mrs. Scott, has returned to her home in Vancouver.

Miss Hewlin leaves London this week, after a lengthy visit in the Old Country, on her return to her home in Victoria.

Mr. G. M. Stillwell, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Stillwell, of Quamichan Lake, who has been employed by the Bank of Commerce here, has been transferred to Vancouver.

Mr. G. D. E. Turner, the well-known Victoria man, arrived in the city yesterday en route to Salt Spring Island to spend Christmas with his son, who has a farm there.

Among the Vancouverites who have been in Victoria on business during the past few days are Mr. McDiarmid, Mr. C. F. M. Neely and Mr. G. N. Madden.

Mr. Harold Hayes, of Stewart, B.C., arrived in Victoria this week to spend a few weeks' holiday and is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. O'Neill Hayes, Tudor Avenue.

The Misses Helen, Billy, Bobby and Rhoda Howard and Master Sonny Howard left yesterday afternoon for a few days' visit in Seattle, where they will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie.

Mrs. Jonathan Rogers is spending Christmas and the New Year on the Riviera after a delightful motor tour through the French Chateau country and along the Mediterranean seaboard with friends.

Miss Marion Bullock-Webster, who is at school in Vancouver, is spending Christmas holidays as the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bullock-Webster, Davis Street, Oak Bay.

Mr. Leonard Flammank, who left Victoria some months ago to try a tilt with fortune in Los Angeles, returned last week for the Christmas holidays, which he will spend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Flammank, 415 Helmcken Street.

Mr. Robert Stewart, president of the Stewart Land Company, is in Victoria for an inspection of the Dunstan mine, in which the company is interested. Mr. Stewart, who makes his home in Victoria, was the first postmaster and mining recorder of the district, and the town received its name from him.

Mr. and Mrs. William S. Day, who have been spending a short time in Penikese, have returned to their home in Shaughnessy Heights, Vancouver. Mrs. R. S. Day, who has been residing in their home during the absence of her husband, has taken a flat in Hampton street, Thurlow Street, for the remainder of the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Verrall, who were married recently in Vancouver, are spending their honeymoon in Victoria and are registered at the Empress Hotel. Mrs. Verrall, as Miss Ida Morris, was well-known in the musical world.

Mr. Verrall is the only son of the late Col. Hugh Verrall and Mrs. Verrall of Brighton, England, and nephew of Sir Jenner and Lady Verrall.

Dr. R. J. Elvin is expected to arrive in Victoria Sunday to spend Christmas with Mrs. Elvin and his little twin daughters. Mrs. Elvin has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Foster, 345 Foul Bay Road.

Yesterday was the twenty-first birthday of Prince George, youngest son of the British King and Queen. In spite of his youth the matrimonial gossip-mongers have already coupled his name with that of Lady Alexandra Curzon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Woodhouse, of St. Patrick Street, have as their guests for the Christmas season their daughter, Mrs. Eva Mackie, of Vancouver and her little girl, Mr. Mackie taking the party later and escort his family back to their mainland home for the New Year.

Mr. Francis Shepherd, formerly prominent in social circles here, but now a banker in Los Angeles, where he has resided for the last two years, is on his way to Victoria for a short winter holiday. He is motoring up through Oregon and Washington and is expected to cross to this city before the first of next week. While staying here he will be the guest of his brothers at their bachelor apartments in James Bay.

A quiet wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Pritchard, 2880 Colquhoun Avenue on Thursday, December 20, when Andrew W. Messer, of Limerick, Saskatchewan, and Evelyn Mary the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Pritchard, were united in marriage by the Rev. Daniel Walker, Minister of the Scotch Presbyterian Church. The bride and groom left for Seattle on the afternoon boat where they will spend their honeymoon.

Mrs. Fred Oliver, 930 Green Street, gave a most enjoyable dinner party last evening, to friends and musical selection, and a much appreciated after-dinner programme. Among those present were: Misses Annie Chalmers, Mary Jean Clark, Murdock and Messrs. Charles King, Gordon Robson, Gordon Sward, Walter Yeamans, Ernest Oliver and Baby Elbert Oliver.

Mrs. W. C. Nichol, who has been visiting Mrs. Grant Morden at Esquimalt, has returned to her home in Victoria. She will be with her daughter, Miss Margaret Nichol, at the end of the Bentley Priory School term, to enjoy the Alpine Sports and Christmas vacation. Returning to England in January, she will later proceed to Gibraltar, to accompany His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor on a Mediterranean trip.

Mr. Robin Watt, the well-known artist, formerly of this city, is now resident in Europe. He has been working hard at portraiture in one of the French watering places during the autumn. While there he gave Clark, a collection of his work which included fifteen pastel portraits of local residents and visitors, chiefly children. The young sitters were overjoyed to see their representations on the walls, shrieking and chattering joyously as they pointed them out to each other. "But," says Toronto Saturday Night, "it was rather a test for any artist to have sitters and portraits congregated together in one room."

A charming wedding took place at 2,880 Colquhoun Avenue, George Road, yesterday afternoon, when Andrew William Messer and Evelyn Mary, forty daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Pritchard, of 2880 Colquhoun Avenue, Victoria, were united in marriage by the Rev. Daniel Walker, of George Road Presbyterian Church, in the presence of a few friends. The happy couple left by the afternoon to spend their honeymoon in Seattle and subsequently will reside in Limerick, Saskatchewan.

A delightful surprise party was given on Tuesday evening in the form of a shower at the home of Mrs. P. Leach, North Dairy Road, in honor of Miss Florence Bryant, of Tillamook, Oregon.

FINE CAROL SERVICE ACCORDS WITH SEASON

Florence Nightingale Chapter Present I.O.D.E. Library to Girls' School

Some of the most beautiful of the old Christmas carols, which have been handed down for generations in the Christian English-speaking world, were rendered with fit impressiveness and sympathy yesterday afternoon by the pupils of the Girls' Central School before a large audience comprising parents, school trustees, members of the I.O.D.E. and their friends.

The occasion was emphasized by the presentation to the school of a Junior I.O.D.E. library by the Florence Nightingale Chapter. Mrs. McIntyre made the presentation on behalf of the members of the chapter. Trustee George Jay receiving the gift for the school with a suitable expression of thanks.

The Carol Service opened with the chanting of the Lord's Prayer, followed by the beautiful carols "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," "Softly and Peacefully," and "O Blessed Star." Miss Eileen MacPherson taking the solo part in the last-named carol with marked ability.

After an interlude for the presentation ceremony, three more carols were sung, "Once Unto The Shepherd," "Little Town of Bethlehem," and "Come, All Ye Faithful." The impressive interpretation of these was augmented by the fine support given by the piano by Professor Heaton, who played the opening march and accompaniments.

A beautiful and inspiring little speech, by the Right Rev. C. de V. Schofield, Bishop of Columbia, was thoroughly in time with the spirit of the Christmas season.

Miss Croft and Miss Fox were responsible for the beautiful decorative scheme of flags, trailing ivy, Christmas wreaths and bells.

The rooms were tastefully decorated with streamers of crimson and orange fastened with rosettes. Little Miss Alice Leach entered the room with a prettily decorated wheelbarrow filled with many useful and appropriate gifts which were presented to the prospective bride. When the gifts had been displayed, a delicious buffet supper was served, after which music and games were enjoyed. The guests included Mrs. Lister, Mrs. T. Bryant, Mrs. Entwistle, Mrs. W. Berry, Mrs. T. Bryant Jr., Mrs. Moody, Mrs. J. Bryant, Mrs. Comber, Mrs. Simms, Mrs. Corry, Mrs. Leach, and the Misses J. Comber, E. Duncan, M. Duncan, W. Leach, M. Leach, A. Leach, B. Bryant, E. Bryant, E. Neilson, F. Bryant, M. Lister, M. Stafford, D. Moody and K. Moody.

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

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All members of the City Council will offer themselves for re-election next month.

The British ship City of Florence, Capt. Stove, which arrived yesterday with naval stores for Esquimalt, and general merchandise for Victoria and Vancouver, took 143 days from Liverpool.

W. Howard, who claims to be the champion rider of home training bicyclists of the world, is at the Dominion Hotel.

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EXPECT IRON INDUSTRY

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Development of B.C. Iron Ore Should Be Under Way Next Year, Says Sloan, Hinting at New Company's Plans; Ask Ottawa to Join With Province in Voting Bounties on Pig Iron

British Columbia probably will have an iron and steel industry in the near future, Hon. William Sloan, Minister of Mines, told the Legislature yesterday when he announced the Government's plans for spending \$2,000,000 to encourage the development of this Province's enormous iron resources.

Under legislation introduced by Mr. Sloan and accepted by the House the Provincial Government is given power to expend \$2,000,000 in five years in bounties on the production of pig iron in British Columbia from British Columbia ores. In a resolution moved by Mr. Sloan the Federal Government is asked to contribute a similar amount for a like purpose.

"If the Dominion Government should accede to our request and provide for a bounty on the same basis as we are considering—and there is no reason why they should not—it would mean an aggregate amount to be paid in Canada on behalf of this industry of \$4,000,000," Mr. Sloan said. "We have been given to understand that there is a bona fide desire on the part of British capitalists to come to this Province to enter upon this enterprise, bringing their capital and their experience to bear upon the problems of initiating and carrying the industry to a successful issue. As I have said we sincerely hope that they will do so I am satisfied that such an offer in the way of bounty payments on production should be of interest to them."

"In my opinion, there is a day coming, and I hope it is not far away, when we shall be turning out pig iron in this Province. The indications are that this goal will be reached in the very near future. But that is not the question with which the Government of this Province has been and still is faced. The question is "can this Province afford to go the length, in the encouragement of this industry, of guaranteeing bonds to any large extent?" It done at all it would have to be a very substantial commitment, running into the millions of dollars. I do not think the Government would be justified in adopting such a policy at the present moment."

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"I doubt the wisdom, in the absence of a definite nature of holding out by legislative enactment an offer of the guarantee of the principal and interest of corporation bonds to the extent of millions of dollars. The Government have some reason to think that the Federal Government would be more likely to aid in the establishment of an Iron and Steel industry in the Province by way of a bounty than by way of a bond guarantee. Believing this I think the Government would be justified in offering a bounty on ores, which bounty in the aggregate will be well within our means."

"When the industry comes it will have come to stay a permanent and prosperous enterprise from which will grow the many subsidiary industries of which it is the parent. In 1922, as a result of an arrangement entered into which the Geological Survey of Canada by the Department of Mines of this Province, a survey of the iron ore resources of British Columbia by Dr. G. A. Young of the Canadian Geological Survey was started. It still is in progress. Dr. Young has been in the field for two seasons and expects to finish his work next year. His report will be of importance as giving his opinion, after going over the entire field of known deposits. "I would, however, be neglecting my duty if I were not to use this opportunity to say that I am determined that the popular demand shall not be used by promoters for exploitation of the industry, by means of watered stock or in any other respect. As far as the Government is concerned the possibility of this industry are being weighed only from the standpoint of business, and no particular proposal will be given special treatment that cannot stand close appraisal from that point of view. The support and encouragement we are prepared to offer are being granted because we are convinced that it will pay the Province many times over, what the Bounty Act before the Legislature contemplates, to have a bona fide working and producing Iron and Steel plant established in the Province."

"For the information of the House I would state further that experiments have been in progress for some time at the Northwest Experiment Station of the United States Bureau of Mines, Seattle, Washington, which have a direct bearing on our problem in the matter of exploiting the Magnetic Ores of this Province. "The report is very encouraging. It indicates that a furnace has been designed, capable of producing from magnetic ores a sponge-iron readily convertible into pig-iron at a cost per ton considerably below the local market quotations on pig-iron, and on the basis of a 20-ton plant it is found that the estimated cost of production of sponge iron is \$15.24, the cost of melting to pig, \$15.72, and the total cost per short ton, \$30.96. This is very favorable when compared to \$35.00 a ton, which is about what the users of pig in this Province at present are paying for the imported article."

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"I am assured, Mr. Speaker, this process has been found to be economically practicable. My engineers are confident, from what they saw at the Seattle Station, that it will prove a success commercially. We are going to forward British Columbia magnetic ores to this plant for further experiment. If this test results satisfactorily it should follow that we will have at least a small plant in operation in British Columbia within a short time, producing from our own ore a pig iron and a steel that will be able to meet the competition of that produced elsewhere. I think you will agree that this will be a help in the right direction, and I may say, Mr. Speaker, that from what information I have, I will be disappointed if we have not this process in operation in British Columbia before this House again assembles."

"I may say that during the past few months I have had conversations with a representative of one of the large mining corporations of this Province, which corporation is seriously considering embarking in the iron producing industry. This corporation is not interested in the guaranteeing of bonds, but would prefer to go forward with the assurance of support on the basis of a bounty on the tonnage produced. It is not expected that those who are thus considering the matter would undertake a large operation in their initial attempts, but rather that they would undertake to provide for the immediate market requirements. For my own part I may say that this policy meets with my approval, for I believe that we should, in this important matter, make progress sanely and at all times keep in mind the best interests of the whole of the Province."

"I think I have placed the House in possession of facts as they appear to the Government, and that it now will be clear to the members that this administration is alive to the importance of the issue and is prepared to go any reasonable length in hastening the day of the establishment of the great industry to which the industrial advancement of the Province is so closely related."

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"For the information of the House I would state further that experiments have been in progress for some time at the Northwest Experiment Station of the United States Bureau of Mines, Seattle, Washington, which have a direct bearing on our problem in the matter of exploiting the Magnetic Ores of this Province. "The report is very encouraging. It indicates that a furnace has been designed, capable of producing from magnetic ores a sponge-iron readily convertible into pig-iron at a cost per ton considerably below the local market quotations on pig-iron, and on the basis of a 20-ton plant it is found that the estimated cost of production of sponge iron is \$15.24, the cost of melting to pig, \$15.72, and the total cost per short ton, \$30.96. This is very favorable when compared to \$35.00 a ton, which is about what the users of pig in this Province at present are paying for the imported article."

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"I may say that during the past few months I have had conversations with a representative of one of the large mining corporations of this Province, which corporation is seriously considering embarking in the iron producing industry. This corporation is not interested in the guaranteeing of bonds, but would prefer to go forward with the assurance of support on the basis of a bounty on the tonnage produced. It is not expected that those who are thus considering the matter would undertake a large operation in their initial attempts, but rather that they would undertake to provide for the immediate market requirements. For my own part I may say that this policy meets with my approval, for I believe that we should, in this important matter, make progress sanely and at all times keep in mind the best interests of the whole of the Province."

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"I think I have placed the House in possession of facts as they appear to the Government, and that it now will be clear to the members that this administration is alive to the importance of the issue and is prepared to go any reasonable length in hastening the day of the establishment of the great industry to which the industrial advancement of the Province is so closely related."

HOUSE POLISHES OFF ITS BUSINESS AT WHIRLWIND SPEED

Working at a whirlwind speed, the Legislature, at its session yesterday afternoon, cleared up practically all the outstanding business of the session.

Forcing a second division on his proposal that the Eight-hour Day Law come into effect next July instead of in January, 1925, Major Richard Burde vigorously attacked the lumber operatives of

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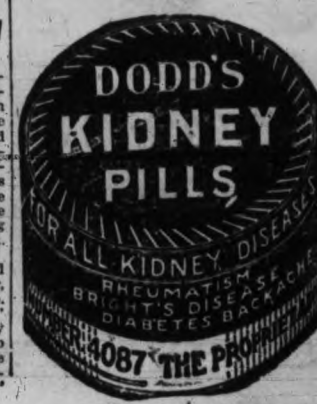
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R.M.S.P. ORDER NEW MOTORSHIPS

Captain Falconer Says 20,000-Ton Liners Will be Built

It was learned from Captain Falconer, of the R.M.S.P. steamship Narenta, which made her first visit to Victoria this week, that the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company had ordered the building of two new powerful motorships of the passenger and freight class.

The two new motorships are powerfully designed and will represent the latest type and of a more powerful standard than any of the company's motorships.

MONTREAL AGAIN LEADS IN WORLD GRAIN EXPORTS

Montreal, Dec. 21.—Grain handled at Montreal in 1923 totaled 120,013,936 bushels, the largest amount shipped through any port in North America during the year. Montreal thus maintains for the third consecutive year her position as the leading grain exporting port on the continent.

The totals of other ports, in bushels, are as follows:

New York, 87,120,000; Baltimore, 41,015,000; Philadelphia, 32,700,000; Orleans, 19,512,000; Galveston, 10,469,000; Boston, 7,964,000.

These figures show that Montreal has succeeded by a wide margin in keeping the leading position she established in 1921 and 1922, notwithstanding that this port is closed for four and a half months a year, while her competitors enjoy a twelve months season.

Mr. E. J. Farrell, manager of the port of Montreal.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET

Time of sunrise and sunset (Pacific standard time) at Victoria, B.C., for the month of December, 1923:

Day	Sunrise	Sunset
1	7:46	4:21
2	7:47	4:20
3	7:48	4:19
4	7:49	4:18
5	7:50	4:17
6	7:51	4:16
7	7:52	4:15
8	7:53	4:14
9	7:54	4:13
10	7:55	4:12
11	7:56	4:11
12	7:57	4:10
13	7:58	4:09
14	7:59	4:08
15	8:00	4:07
16	8:01	4:06
17	8:02	4:05
18	8:03	4:04
19	8:04	4:03
20	8:05	4:02
21	8:06	4:01
22	8:07	4:00
23	8:08	3:59
24	8:09	3:58
25	8:10	3:57
26	8:11	3:56
27	8:12	3:55
28	8:13	3:54
29	8:14	3:53
30	8:15	3:52
31	8:16	3:51

OCEAN AND COASTWISE SHIPPING

YARROWS GET OIL TANKER JOB

Lompoc, Chartered to Union Oil Co., Coming Here Sunday For Haul-Out Next Week

The chartered oil tanker Lompoc, which is at present at Vancouver, charging fuel oil, will arrive here Sunday for survey and repairs, it was announced at Yarrows, Limited, today. The Lompoc will be placed in drydock on Monday morning for survey.

Yarrows, Limited, have secured the repair job and it is understood that it will be of considerable importance. It is some time since there has been any important repair work for a local yard.

The Lompoc is a large tanker owned by the Beer Creek Oil and Shipping Company, Limited, with C. T. Bowring and Company of San Francisco, as managers. She has been chartered to the Union Oil Co. for several trips in the oil trade between California ports and Vancouver.

She is a steel single screw steamship of 7,270 gross tons. She was built during the latter part of 1914, by the D. and W. Henderson and Co., Limited, of Glasgow. She carries petroleum in bulk and is fitted for oil fuel. In length she is 435.3 feet with a breadth of 55.8 feet and depth of 33.2 feet. Her engines are of 520 horsepower.



Ss. TUSCAN PRINCE

Faces Charge of Piracy on the High Seas

Hallifax, Dec. 21.—Captain Andrew Gaudreau, skipper of the schooner Douglas B. Conrad, was arrested here last night at the request of Lunenburg, N.S. police, charged with piracy on the high seas in connection with the procuring and disposing of the American coast of \$50,000 worth of liquor. It is understood the charge is brought by Moses McIlvaine, of Church Point, N.S., owner of the Lucille E., said to have lost \$50,000 worth of liquor in a transaction at sea last August.

TYRHENIA TO BE CONVERTED INTO ONE CLASS LINER

C. A. Whitelock, Visitor in Victoria Yesterday, Announces New Service

C. A. Whitelock, British Columbia manager for the Cunard Line, who was in the city yesterday, announced a new one-class passenger service that the Cunard Line will operate in the Spring of next year. He says that the 17,000-ton liner Tyrrhenia, which has been operating in the New York-Liverpool service, is to be converted into a one-class passenger liner for operation on the same route.

Author Due on Christmas Day

Work on Christmas Day. That is what the latest advice from the Harrison-Deane Line steamship means to the local agents and several of the Customs officers. Latest advice from the steamship states that she will make port direct from the United Kingdom on Christmas Day with cargo for discharge at Victoria.

The Tyrrhenia, which is one of the company's new post-war saloon liners, is to be made into a one-class vessel. She will make her first sailing on January 12 and will run between New York and Liverpool. Mr. Whitelock stated during his visit here that bookings for accommodation on liners going to the United Kingdom next year were being made for as far in advance as June and July.

Donaldson Will be Overhauled

Seattle, Dec. 21.—The power schooner Donaldson, in which Captain Harold Noice visited Wrangle Island in August and found that an expedition, which went there in 1921 under the leadership of Allan Crawford, of Toronto, had perished with the exception of Ada Blackjack, an Eskimo woman, was to-day laid up here for the winter. Captain Alex. Allen, owner and

Sir Henry Thornton's Message to Employees

Appreciative of Year's Work and Has Confidence in Future

The following signed message from Sir Henry W. Thornton, president and chairman of the boards of directors of the Canadian National Railways, to officers and employees of the system, is published in the December issue of the Canadian National Railway's magazine:

"To Officers and Employees: I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. For twelve months we have been engaged in a joint enterprise and any success we have met with has been largely due to the fine spirit and efficient service rendered by officers and employees. I thank you one and all for the way you have responded to the demands upon you and for the excellent service you have given the company. Especially, I wish to thank those employees who come in contact with the traveling public for the courtesy they have displayed. They have, indeed, treated every passenger on our railway as a guest of the company, with the result that not only have our men found satisfaction in their work but they have materially added to the good opinion of our undertaking existing in the minds of the public.

"We will face the oncoming year with enthusiasm, courage and a determination to establish still higher our standard of service. With your continued co-operation and support, I am confident the day is not far distant when we shall justify the wisdom of those who were responsible for the National Railway System and make that system a source of profit and pride to the people of our Dominion."

TRANS-PACIFIC MAILS

December, 1923.
China and Japan
Oran-Mails close Dec. 4, 4 p.m. due at Kobe Dec. 16, Shanghai Dec. 21, Hongkong Dec. 25.
Africa-Mails close Dec. 22, 4 p.m. due at Kobe Jan. 7.
Empress of Russia-Mails close Dec. 27, 4 p.m. due at Kobe Jan. 2, Shanghai Jan. 13, Hongkong Jan. 16.
President McKinley-Mails close Dec. 28, 4 p.m. due at Kobe Jan. 2, Shanghai Jan. 14, Hongkong Jan. 18.
Protector-Mails close Jan. 3, 9 a.m. due at Kobe Jan. 15, Hongkong Jan. 21.
Australia and New Zealand
Niagara-Mails close Dec. 8, 9 a.m. direct, due Auckland Dec. 28.
Maunganui-Mails close Dec. 18, 4 p.m. via San Francisco; due Wellington Jan. 12.
Sonoma (Australia only)-Mails close Dec. 29, 4 p.m. via San Francisco; due Sydney Jan. 22.

VESSEL MOVEMENTS

Seattle, Dec. 20.—Arrived: Warwick, San Pedro; Atlantic, San Francisco; El Segundo, El Segundo; Manuk, Bellingham; Sailed: Stockton, Port San Luis; George Allen, Gray's Harbor; Julia Luckenbach, Ruth Alexander, Scottish American, San Francisco.
San Francisco, Dec. 20.—Arrived: Tamaha, Kobe; Caoba, Aberdeen; Cordelia, Kobe; Captain A. F. Lucas, Portland; London Merchant, Astoria; Rose City, Portland; West Graylock, New York; Sailed: Gray's Harbor, Aberdeen, Tacoma, Dec. 19.—Arrived: Edmore, Kobe; Monopolian Prince, Shanghai; Del Ross, San Antonio; La Purissima, California; Hamilton Range, Harry, Anyox, Nome City, F. E. Lohm, Manuk, San Francisco. Sailed: Chilliwack, B.C. ports; Nome City, Vancouver; F. S. Loop, San Francisco.
Portland, Dec. 20.—Arrived: Motorship Seekonk, Admiral Schley, San Francisco; Sailed: Kautskian, Molave, San Francisco; Iwatesan Maru, Puget Sound.
Christiana, Dec. 14.—Arrived: Heliglav, New York.
New York, Dec. 20.—Arrived: Kungsholm, Gothenburg; Vulcan, Molave; Vincent, Havre; Angela, Naples; President Roosevelt, Bremen.
Kobe, Dec. 11.—Arrived: Katsura Maru, Tacoma.
Sydney, Dec. 18.—Arrived: Tokken, San Francisco.
Tsin Lau, Dec. 9.—Arrived: Ervika, San Pedro.
Shanghai, Dec. 18.—Arrived: West Chonaka, San Francisco.
Havre, Dec. 17.—Arrived: Kosmo, San Francisco.
New York, Dec. 20.—Sailed: Cleveland, Hamburg; Rimpark, Rotterdam; Clan Maciver, Capetown; Perseus, Kobe; Horatio, Sydney, N.S.W.
Rotterdam, Dec. 18.—Sailed: Salatis, San Francisco.
New Orleans, Dec. 20.—Sailed: F. J. Luckenbach, Seattle.
Hamburg, Dec. 12.—Sailed: Orca, New York.
Dec. 20.—Tyrrhenia, New York.

SEA CLAIMS THE TUSCAN PRINCE

Prince Boat Wrecked on Village Island Slips Into Deep Water

It was a storm that drove the Furness-Withy Line steamship Tuscan Prince ashore at Village Island, on the west coast of Vancouver Island last February and it was left to a storm to life her from that position as she was so firmly set and so badly damaged that it was impossible to salvage anything except the cargo.

It was learned today that the Tuscan Prince, which has been lying in her natural basin for almost a year, was lifted and rolled into deep water during the storms that have been prevailing along the coast during the past three weeks.

When the Tuscan Prince went aground she was so firmly lodged in a natural rock basin that all efforts to salvage the vessel were fruitless. However, the Pacific Salvage Company, which undertook the job, performed a remarkable feat by making a hundred per cent. salvage of the cargo.

The Tuscan Prince was later sold to a junk firm in Bellingham which took all the steel plating and fittings and sold them in Seattle. The hull of the vessel, being divested of all her upperworks, gave no resistance to the storms of the past few weeks and was carried into deep waters. There is not a thing to be seen of the wreck.

LATEST MOVEMENTS OF C.G.M.M. SHIPS

Canadian Britisher arrived Calcutta Dec. 6.
Canadian Erleher left Vancouver for Yokohama and Shanghai Nov. 24.
Canadian Highlander left Kobe for Vancouver Dec. 11.
Canadian Importer arrived Vancouver Dec. 13 (Hastings Mill).
Canadian Inventor, left Brisbane for New York Dec. 15.
Canadian Prospector left Colon for Norfolk Dec. 17.
Canadian Seigneur left Sydney for Vancouver Dec. 12.
Canadian Scottish arrived Vancouver Dec. 19 (southwest side Balfour Pier).
Canadian Skirmisher arrived Vancouver Nov. 28 (northwest side Balfour Pier).
Canadian Transporter arrived Yokohama Dec. 2.
Canadian Traveller arrived Sydney Dec. 15.
Canadian Winner left Norfolk for United Kingdom Dec. 10.
Canadian Farmer left Astoria for Pedro Dec. 17.
Canadian Observer arrived Ocean Falls Dec. 18.
Canadian Rover left San Francisco for Vancouver direct Dec. 17.
Canadian Volunteer left San Francisco for Vancouver Dec. 16.

LIQUOR REGULATIONS ON AMERICAN SHIPS

Washington, Dec. 21.—The Shipping Board makes no allowances for entertainment of guests on board Government vessels and no alcoholic beverages are carried except for medicinal purposes. Chairman Farley informed the Senate yesterday in a voluminous report requested by a resolution of the last session. Names of persons who

have been given free transportation and data upon the organization of the various departments operated by the board was asked in the resolution. Senator Jones, Republican, Washington, estimated preparation of the report in response to the resolution, "which is one of a number we have in a routine way, cost the board not less than \$50,000." It occupied the attention of a special force of employees from January, 1923, to the present month.

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Return Fare
\$3.75 Plus 50 Tax. **\$3.75**
To Gulf Island Points
Christmas Going Dates, Dec. 22, 24, 26. Return Limit, Dec. 27.
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AT THE THEATRES

Belasco Portrays Luxurious Revels in Dominion Film

Have you ever noticed, in passing the residence of a very rich man—a millionaire—that it is surrounded by high walls, or set away in from the street, or hidden by a high, thick hedge? Even in the country the large homes are always hidden from view by large trees, protected by iron-spiked fences or perhaps by an uninviting barbed wire.

All these precautions are taken against the curious. And who amongst us would not be eager to just "take a look" into the homes of the idle rich. We hear so much about the luxurious furnishings, the rich tapestries and carpets and the gay parties staged in these homes.

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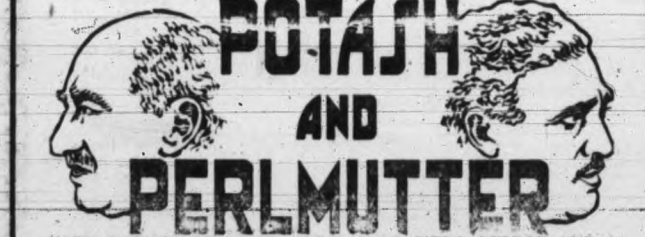
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Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, December 26, 27, 28
Matinee, Wednesday, December 26

Christmas Pantomime "Peter Pan's Dream"

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Oh! Gee, Oh! Gosh, Oh! Golly. It will be great. Prices, Matinee and Night, 50c, 75c, \$1.00. Loges and Boxes, \$1.50. Mail orders now. Seats on sale Friday, December 21.

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AT THE THEATRES

Royal—"Polish and Perlmutter"
Capitol—"The Purple Highway"
Dominion—"The Gold Diggers"
Playhouse—"The Cheat"

that we would just jump at a chance to witness some of these things with our own eyes.

Some of the stories sound too elaborate for the wildest imagination and we are prone to believe that they are a bit exaggerated.

But according to "The Gold Diggers" now playing at the Dominion Theatre, these things are true. Here are the true reflections of hilarious parties and wild times of the idle rich and their friends.

In fact when this part of the picture was being filmed, a large part of the studios had to be walled off from the prying eyes of visitors. To get the proper atmosphere, and satisfy the exacting demands of Director Harry Beaumont, a large number of parties were staged.

The same principle held here—people were irresistibly drawn to the scene of merriment and soon the crowd grew so large that they began to hamper the production. Director Beaumont was forced to do the same thing that is done in real life—erect a high wall and shut off the view.

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only form a small part of the many attractions to be found in "The Gold Diggers".

Show at Royal Is Classic of American Humor

Harvested as the outstanding classic of American humor, "Polish and Perlmutter", a First National picture produced by Samuel Goldwyn, will be the attraction at the Royal Theatre, again today, where audiences gave vent to their enjoyment with laughter that shook the house. This theatre was crowded to the doors and the lobby was jammed with persons waiting to gain admittance.

Based on the famous play by Montague Glass, "Polish and Perlmutter" is notable chiefly for its rich humor, but it also contains moments of rare pathos which bring a gulp to the throat of the spectator. Especially in this true in the incident where Abe Potash is being led to a cell because out of the largeness of his heart he had helped an innocent friend to flee from the clutches of the police. Knowing that his friend was guiltless of the charge, Abe had supplied him with money to get out of the country—and then was ordered jailed until the fugitive was captured.

With a policeman on each side, Abe was started for a cell, but he never reached it, for a dramatic denouement brought about his release. The role of Abe is portrayed by Barney Bernard, while Alexander Carr plays the part of Morris Perlmutter. Vera Gordon is co-starred with these two players, who created their respective roles in the highly successful stage version. Clarence Badger directed the picture.

Tony Moreno Had Distinct Aversion for Sea Turtles

Tony Moreno came back from Tahiti, where he went with the Goldwyn company to film "Lost and Found", with a distinct aversion for sea turtles. Previously, he had never thought much about turtles. One way or another, they were to him nothing more than mere inhabitants of zoological gardens, or the substance of turtle soup. Certainly he cherished no hearty antipathy towards them. But now, it's all the fault of William V. Mong, another member of the cast of this South Seas photodrama, which will be seen at the Columbia Theatre today. Mr. Mong, during the course of the company's stay on the island, captured, bought or stole a huge sea turtle, and brought it home. His housemates, Tony and Milton Gardner, protested. They didn't want to share a two-by-four cubby-hole, as they called it, with a fish. But Mr. Mong assured them that the very next day it would be converted into a delicious turtle soup—so they were appeased.

That night, having forgotten the turtle completely, Tony went to the al fresco shower in the backyard to take a bath. He threw off his robe and stepped gingerly into the shallow pool—when—Skid! Swish!

Down, like a slippery, scrambling monster, something that might have risen from the Stygian depths. It gave Tony a terrible turn—thus in a strange land, at midnight. As soon as he recovered his wits he promptly lost his temper, and—

The next day Mr. Mong's turtle was consigned to the tureen, where all good turtles eventually go, anyway.

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Rosemary Nasmith Takes Leading Role in Peter Pan Show

In co-operation with the Gonzales Chapter L.O.E. R. E. Hinks is staging at the Royal Victoria Theatre a pantomime well known to young and old Peter Pan's Dream.

As used in the play, Hinks has excelled himself in the brilliant way he is conducting this production. The excellent cast, good music, and charming scenery will prove this beyond a doubt to Victoria audiences.

Charming Rosemary Nasmith takes the leading role as Peter Pan, this little-known young person is sure to fascinate young and old by the capable way she adjusts herself in her part.

Another ingenious and unique attraction are the bewitching little Scotch kiddies, this troupe will not only appeal to the juvenile mind but to the grown ups as well, and their clever dancing is sure to take the house by storm.

Miss Irwin as Tittle, Maggie's famous daughter, is sure to prove herself one of the most popular characters in the show, not only is Miss Irwin herself a favorite but also the part she has undertaken is well known to all.

"Gallagher and Shean" Big Hit With Sousa Band

Every year, as his patrons well know, John Philip Sousa sets his lively fancy to work on a humorous or farfetched built on one of the recent fads. Last year, he took "The Silver Lining" from "Sally" and made it the basis of one of the most entertaining numbers in his programme. This year, his fancy turns to Mr. Gallagher and Mr. Shean, the foolish song which has served to make of its two singers, the well-known Gallagher and Shean of the variety, national figures.

It is characteristic of the March-King that he has never ignored a contemporary composer whose work has possessed the element of vitality; "the thing that makes a song" and he has often said, "is to send it along." It is estimated that Jerome Kern, who composed "The Silver Lining" is richer by his royalty on the sale of at least half a million copies as a result of Sousa's use of the tune in communities where "Sally" has never been played.

This famous band will appear at the Royal Victoria on Saturday, December 29, for two performances, one matinee and one evening.

Madge Kennedy Likes Screen Much Better Than Stage

"Which appeals to you more, the stage or the screen?" This was the question put to pretty Madge Kennedy, who is now appearing at the Capitol Theatre as the featured player in the Paramount picture, "The Purple Highway."

"On the stage," declared Miss Kennedy, "everything seems so intimate. It's just as if the audience and I were sitting down together. That doesn't explain, of course, but what I mean to say is this, that there is an intimacy and closeness of touch between player and audience which isn't possible to attain in the movies. But all in all, I like screen work best of all. The screen has such possibilities for the shifting of scenes. It is more akin to life in that respect than the stage, and that is why I prefer it."

In "The Purple Highway" Miss Kennedy is supported by Monte Blue, leading man; Vincent Coleman, Pedro de Cordoba; Dore Davidson and other well-known players of stage and screen. It is a really worth-while production.

ACTOR THREATENED LIFE OF VON KAHN, BAVARIAN CHIEF

Munich, Dec. 21.—A Saxon actor, Hans Bartel, was arrested here yesterday on a charge of threatening the life of Dr. von Kahn, the Military Dictator. Bartel is said to have confessed that he intended to shoot von Kahn.

NEW BRUNSWICK DEATH

Fredericton, N.B., Dec. 21.—Harry C. Mackay, fifty-eight, a veteran lumberman, died here yesterday.

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All-Star Crew Will Be Hosts To Mainlanders

Cory Hesse Will Lead Amateur Sextette Against Local Team at the Arena To-night

Win For Visitors Will Give Them Wilkerson Cup; Locals in Fine Shape

To-night Victoria hockey fans will have a chance to see a Vancouver amateur sextette in action when a team playing under the colors of the Nationals will clash with the local all-stars in an inter-city game at the arena at 8.30 o'clock. An interesting point to the fans will be that the visitors will come over under the management of Cory Hesse, famous lacrosse player, who is well known in this city having played goal for the Vancouver team for several seasons past.

WILL PLAY TO-NIGHT



HARRY SMITH
speedy right wing player of the Victoria all-star amateur hockey team, which will oppose the Vancouver Nationals at the arena to-night.

Two Pick Rugby Squads to Meet In Test Match

Fans Assured of Keen Game To-morrow; School Teams to Play

To-morrow afternoon at the Victoria Oval at 3 o'clock the two Victoria all-star rugby teams will meet in a battle which will give the fans and the Selection Committee of the Victoria Rugby Union a chance to pick the rep team which is to oppose the Nanaimo Hornets next Saturday.

Two powerful fifteens have been selected and a very thrilling game is expected. It should prove to be the toughest, hardest and keenest game of the season. It will no doubt draw many rugby fans, although there will be no trophy at stake, the players will be out to show their true worth so as to make sure of places on the rep teams.

The teams will be as follows:
First team (Reds): Full back, Johnson; three-quarters, Hendrick, McInnes, Brynjolfson, Totty and Muncey; halves, Goodacre, and McLean; forwards, Tolmie, McKee, Oland, and Moore.
Second team (Blues): Full back, McLean; three-quarters, Cabell, Gilmore, Ward and S. Woods; halves, Ewell, and McMillan; forwards, Crump, Lewis, Donald, Barnes, Allen, Dabaly and Colman.

Girls Will Play Lacrosse Game as Feature in South

Los Angeles, Dec. 21.—Three score women, formerly of Canada, are brushing up, or, in some cases, learning the plays of lacrosse in preparation of a meet between Los Angeles and Long Beach to feature the tenth annual Canadian tourists' mid-winter reunion and picnic next month.

Canadian Hockey Teams Must Not Cross U.S. Border

Toronto, Dec. 21.—At an executive meeting yesterday the Ontario Hockey Association passed a resolution forbidding any clubs excepting invitations for any exhibition games in the United States. The meeting viewed with dissatisfaction the growing migration of players to the United States, and invited the president and secretary of the United States Hockey Association to meet representatives at Niagara Falls, Ont., on January 3 to discuss international hockey affairs.

WON AFTER KNOCK-DOWN
Tacoma, Dec. 21.—George Lamson, Omaha heavyweight, won the decision over Marty Foley, of Tacoma, in the six-round main event of the boxing programme here last night. In the sixth round Foley caught Lam-

Leading Soccer Teams to Battle In Feature Game

Veterans Will Try to Lower Colors of Wests For First Time This Year

Whyte Will Help the League Leaders; Two Other Good Games on Schedule

Veterans, runners-up in the First Division, take on the league leaders, Victoria Wests, to-morrow afternoon in what should be the feature game of a very interesting card.

The Wests have yet to take a dusting this season and their record of eight straight wins proves that they have been playing smash-up football. However, to-morrow they may meet their Waterloo as the Veterans are going out with the one object of smearing the greenshirts with a coat of defeat.

A win for the Veterans would make the race for the championship very interesting. It would bring the ex-soldiers up to within one point of the Wests and cause a lot of speculation. The Wests realize that they have a tough game on their hands and are not treating the Veterans any too lightly. Any time the Wests get Bob Whyte to lace on his football shoes it shows that they have fear of their opponents. Bob will play at full-back to-morrow and that will be a big blow to the Veterans as it will make their problem of getting goals all the more difficult. The Wests will be without George Wale, who will have to play Santa Claus with the letter-carriers.

The Veterans intend to be at full throttle in the expected game, which will be at the Royal Athletic Park, should draw a big sale.

WARDS MEET MOOSE

The North Wards, who put up such a good showing against the Wests last Saturday, will tackle the Moose to-morrow and they expect to chalk up their first win of the season. The Wards are getting a good team whipped into shape for the Jackson Cup series and their games of late have been very good. The Moose are anxious to redeem themselves after the humiliating defeat they received at the hands of the Veterans last week and a good game should be the result.

ESQUIMALT PLAYS SONS

The Esquimalt team will meet the Sons of England, of Victoria, in a battle for third place in the First Division with the Esquimalt eleven holding the edge at present.

The draw for to-morrow is as follows:

FIRST DIVISION

Victoria Wests vs. Veterans at the Royal Athletic Park, referee Alcock. Wards vs. Moose at Beacon Hill, referee Winters.

JUNIOR DIVISION

Saanich Thistles vs. Oaklands at Central Park, referee Saunders. The teams are as follows:

Moose: Holman, Morris and Bray; Esler, Webster and Moulton; Sharrott, Dunn, Cummins, Moulton and Allen. Reserve, Woods.

Victoria Wests: Shandley, Baker and Whyte; Popham, Sherratt, Youson, Muir and Waddington.

North Wards: Cummings; Wolsley and Bell; McKinnon, Keger and Thomas; McGee, Shillingford, E. Brynjolfson, W. Brynjolfson, Howden, Winnepenny, Dows and Ross.

Sons of England: Hetherington; Drybrough and Harwood; Anstead, Sprad and Hood; J. Smith, Phillips, Southern, Swan and Shanks. Reserve, Kell, H. Smith.

Esquimalt: Nichol; J. Watt and Carmichael; Hosmer, Meagher and Stewart; John Watt, Tom Watt, Warren and Frampton. Reserve, Erskine, Sherwood and Rugles.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Publication in a Chicago newspaper of a story to the effect that consolidation of the United States Golf Association and the Western Golf Association might be considered at the annual meeting of the United States Golf Association at New York next month, yesterday brought denial from the presidents of both bodies.

President Frederick Byers of the U.S.G.A. said that no such subject would be taken up at the annual meeting of his organization, while President Charles O. Fell, of the Western Association, denied that he would neither confirm nor deny the rumor that this was being contemplated.

It is true that the Prairie centres would like to have the Stanley Cup on the home ice of the titleholder, but the draw comes so late in March that it is too much of a gamble. Winnipeg could handle it nicely, and a contingent of Prairie fans would undoubtedly find their way to the Manitoba centre for the big card, if it is made a reality.

From the standing set by the Western Canada League teams this season, it is evident that the western hockey is superior to that being played in the East. The Prairie clubs are even ranking higher than the order shows on the Coast, and to

SUZANNE WILL PLAY FOR FRANCE AT OLYMPIAD



Paris, Dec. 21.—Suzanne Lenglen has agreed to represent France in the Olympic tennis matches, L'Auto says to-day.

It looks as though France can chalk down the ladies' singles, ladies' doubles and mixed doubles to its credit in the Olympic Games next year, for with the peerless Suzanne entered no other country has anything with which to make even a fair showing. Playing in her homeland, Suzanne will be as invincible next year as she has been in the past. Miss Kathy McLane, the British champion, and Miss Helen Wills, the American queen, will be the only ones capable of showing any form against Suzanne, and they will no doubt be quickly disposed of.

Advances a New Play-off Scheme For Stanley Cup

President Richardson, of W.C. H.L., Would Like to See Winners in One Series

Calgary, Dec. 21.—Hockey in the East is no better than in the West. That is a fact this winter, in the professional company at least, and the best arrangement under the circumstances, as it left a westerner in both the semi-final and the final stages.

ALL IN ONE SERIES
For this year, it is suggested that a similar series be arranged, but instead of having one eliminate that other on the first round, have them all meet in a series, and not compel any club to play two games to one of the other club. Some arrangement will likely be worked out along this line before very long, but the heads of the three loops will have to get together on the plan before any definite programme is announced.

The East had the championship the year before last. Last season it was at the Coast, and the Western Canada League is really entitled to the play-off this term, but there is no artificial ice at any corner of the West.

It is true that the championship series should be scheduled on the bare possibility of there being ice to go through with arrangements. There is an artificial plant at Winnipeg, however, and from present comment there is a likelihood that the series for the Stanley Cup may be switched in there, but President Richardson would neither confirm nor deny the rumor that this was being contemplated.

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WHAT WILL HE SAY?



JOHN MCGRAW

New York, Dec. 21.—Baseball followers today expect to learn the plans for 1924 of Manager John J. McGraw, of the New York Giants, who was on the incoming Leviathan from Europe. Experts were mystified when McGraw did not return in time for the Chicago meeting, particularly as he had indicated he desired to make trades and purchases that would enable him to strengthen the team showed when it lost the last world's series.

Reports have persisted that before sailing McGraw had arranged to obtain Rogers Hornsby, the star second-baseman of the St. Louis Cardinals, for whom Charles Ebbetts, owner of the Brooklyn club, offered \$275,000 at Chicago. McGraw was expected to clear up the situation to-day.

It has been indicated that some of the Giant players have asked for increased salaries for next year. Among these were named McGraw, second-baseman, has been named. McGraw has labeled him one of the greatest players of all time, and had said he was one of the three players with whom he would not part for next season.

BROAD ST. BILLIARDS

E. Newman won the championship of the Broad Street Hall last night when he beat Smith by 65 points. Both men started from scratch and the champion secured a large lead after the first 100. The highest break of the game was a 45 by Newman. The game was a 45 by Newman. The game was a 45 by Newman.

expect that the champions of the two western circuits would clash to eliminate one or the other, leaving the weaker N.H.L. champions to meet the eastern representatives, would be too much of a good thing for the N.H.L., and it is hardly expected that the easterners will get such a treat.

Havers Shows He Can Smite Golf Ball Wicked Tap

British Champ Drives First Ball in U.S. 280 Yards; Plays Smoothly

New York, Dec. 21.—Leaving behind an impression that they are remarkably good golfers, Arthur Havers, British open champion, and James Ockenden, holder of the French open title, leave to-day for Pinehurst, N. C., to put in two days of practice before meeting Alex Ross and Joe Capell in the first exhibition match on this side of the Atlantic.

They shook off their sea legs in a practice match over the championship course of the Westchester Biltmore Club yesterday.

Havers proved himself a remarkable long driver getting 280 yards on his first shot after leaving the ship. Assuming that he putted as well and approached as well, his card for the week would be approximately thirty-six.

Ockenden was not in Havers's form and had difficulty in getting his distance. His play indicated, however, that he is as steady a player as he has been described and in traveling with Havers will make a good combination.

The critics found Havers an orthodox player, possessed of a smooth and free swing and playing the ball well off his left heel. He used the overlapping grip.

Firpo's Next Bout Will be Against Italian Champ

Buenos Ayres, Dec. 21.—Luis Firpo, it is understood, will again arrange to-morrow for a fight with Ermino Spalla, Italian heavyweight, the end of February. A local promoter has the fight in hand. Firpo will receive about 150,000 pesos and Spalla 200,000 lire. The same promoter has Spalla under contract so that the fight is virtually assured.

Dempsey-Wills Fight Hinges on Decision To-day

New York, Dec. 21.—A decision on whether "mixed" bouts between white and colored fighters are permitted in the state is expected to-day from the New York State Boxing Commission. If the decision is affirmative it will probably open the way for a bout next summer between Jack Dempsey and Harry Wills for the world's heavyweight championship.

Sid Desireau Not Reinstated But Kootenays Are in

Vancouver, Dec. 21.—Alan Fellows, registration secretary of the British Columbia Amateur Hockey Association, has received affiliation fees from Nelson seniors, Rossland seniors and Nelson intermediates.

OLD COUNTRY SOCCER STANDINGS

ENGLISH LEAGUE				
First Division				
	P.	W.	L.	D. Pts.
Huddersfield Town	11	1	7	29
Bolton Wanderers	11	4	4	28
Aston Villa	21	7	4	10
Everton	21	9	6	24
Sunderland	19	9	4	24
Sheffield United	19	9	4	24
Newcastle United	20	9	4	21
Blackburn Rovers	19	8	6	21
Manchester City	19	8	6	20
Tottenham Hotspur	19	7	6	19
West Ham United	19	7	6	18
W. Bromwich Albion	19	6	7	18
Burnley	19	5	9	15
Chelmsford	19	5	9	15
North Forest	19	4	10	13
Derby County	19	4	10	13
Millwall Athletic	19	4	12	13
Reading	19	3	11	11
Preston North End	19	3	11	11

Second Division				
	P.	W.	L.	D. Pts.
Leeds United	19	10	4	5
Derby County	19	10	4	5
Blackpool	19	9	5	23
South Shields	19	9	5	21
Lancaster	19	7	6	19
Manchester United	18	7	6	19
Sheffield Wednesday	19	6	7	19
Southampton	19	6	7	19
Bury	19	6	7	19
Barnsley	19	6	7	18
Crystal Palace	19	5	7	17
Coventry City	17	5	7	17
Bradford City	17	5	7	17
Oldham Athletic	17	5	7	17
Clapton Orient	18	4	7	16
Nelson	19	4	9	15
Port Vale	19	4	9	15
Hull City	19	4	9	15
Grimsby Town	19	4	9	14

Third Division—Southern Section				
	P.	W.	L.	D. Pts.
Swansea Town	19	11	3	4
Wrexham	19	11	3	4
Luton Town	19	10	6	3
Northampton	19	9	6	22
Brighton & Hove A.	19	9	6	22
Millwall Athletic	19	8	6	22
Plymouth Argyle	19	8	6	20
Norwich City	19	8	6	20
Bristol Rovers	19	8	6	20
Swindon Town	19	7	6	19
Muskegon P. Rangers	19	7	6	19
Watford	19	7	6	19
Bournemouth	19	7	6	18
Newport County	19	6	8	16
Southend United	19	6	8	16
Sheff. Albion	19	6	8	16
Gillingham	19	6	8	16
Aberdeen	19	5	11	15
Exeter City	19	5	11	15
Brentford	19	5	11	15
Reading	19	5	11	14

Third Division—Northern Section				
	P.	W.	L.	D. Pts.
Wolverhampton W.	19	10	3	4
Sheff. Wednesday	19	10	3	4
New Brighton	19	8	4	22
Chesham	19	8	4	22
Wigan	19	7	6	21
Darlington	19	7	6	21
Ashington	19	7	6	21
Southport	19	7	6	21
Wrexham	19	7	6	21
Bradford City	19	7	6	21
Durham City	19	7	6	21
Rotherham	19	7	6	21
Walsall	19	7	6	21
Doncaster Rovers	19	7	6	21
Grimsby Town	19	7	6	21
Accrington	19	7	6	21
Tranmere Rovers	19	7	6	21
Lincoln City	19	7	6	21
Harlepool	19	7	6	21
Barrow	19	7	6	21
Crewe Alexandra	19	7	6	21

SCOTTISH LEAGUE				
First Division				
	P.	W.	L.	D. Pts.
Rangers	19	14	2	4
Celtic	19	13	3	28
Airdrieonians	19	10	5	23
Dunfermline	19	9	6	22
Partick Thistle	19	9	6	22
Dundee	19	8	6	22
Blackrock	19	7	6	19
St. Mirren	19	7	6	19
Aberdeen	19	7	6	19
Greenock	19	7	6	19
Heart of Midlothian	19	7	6	19
Third Lanark	19	7	6	19
Falkirk	19	7	6	19
Ayr United	19	7	6	19
Clydebank	19	7	6	19

Second Division				
	P.	W.	L.	D. Pts.
St. Johnstone	19	10	4	23
Cowdenbeath	19	9	5	22
King's Park	19	10	5	24
Albion Rovers	19	9	5	22
Stenhousemuir	19	7	6	22
Bathgate	19	8	4	22
St. Bernard's	19	8	4	22
Dundee United	19	7	6	20
Armadale	19	7	6	20
Dumbarton	19	7	6	20
Vale of Leven	19	7	6	20
East Fife	19	7	6	20
Stirling Albion	19	7	6	20
Arbroath	19	7	6	20
Lochgelly	19	7	6	20

Saanich Schools to Play Soccer Games

Soccer football games to be played to-morrow in the Saanich School league are as follows:
Royal Oak vs. Burnside at Royal Oak.
Cedar Hill-Gordon Head vs. North Dairies at Reynolds Road.
Royal Oak vs. McKenzie Avenue at Royal Oak.
Tillicum vs. Craigflower at Burnside Road.
Cloverdale vs. Strawberry Vale at Reynolds Road.

ROPER TO FIGHT

Portland, Dec. 21.—The Portland Boxing Commission has negotiated with Bob Roper, heavyweight, who will appear here in a ten-round bout with New Year's Day against George Lamson. Roper fought here four years ago, when he lost a decision to Boy McCormick in a ten-round match at Milwaukie, a suburb of Portland.

Last Chance for Coasters to Run Wild on Prairies

After To-night's Games the Cougars, Mets and Maroons Will Return to Coast

Victoria Plays Saskatoon, Vancouver Meets Regina, and Mets Play Calgary

Coast hockey teams have their last chance to-night to spank the prairie hockey clubs. All three sextettes will be in action east of the Rockies and unless they manage to pick off a couple of games the count against them will look very bad.

Victoria is billed to meet Saskatoon in Winnipeg this evening, while Seattle will be entertained in Calgary. Vancouver will have a home game with the Cougars in the morning.

The Coast clubs are pitted against the three leading clubs in the prairie league, Edmonton, the tail-enders, being idle this evening.

According to the luck that the Seattle Mets have had during their tour it does not look as though they will be able to come home with a solitary win. They have lost five games to the prairie clubs, practically all of which were dropped by one goal and two of which were carried into overtime.

CALGARY GOING GOOD

Calgary has a sparkling team this year, which is performing wonders under the careful tutelage of Eddie Oatman. After winning two games on the Coast the Tigers returned home to defeat the Vancouver Maroons by 1-0.



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LEAP FROM WINDOWS INTO DARKNESS TO ESCAPE FIRE DEATH

Persons who escaped from the Mayne Island Hotel fire before day-break last Saturday have arrived in Victoria and tell of the close call guests in the hotel had.

The dozen persons sleeping in the hotel, to save their lives from the flames, had to jump from second story windows. Charles Moon, of the Sun Electric Company, who the night before had just finished his contract in connection with the renovation of the hotel, had both his ankles twisted when he jumped from his bed and leaped from his window into the dark and landed on the hard ground. He had not time even to put on any shoes or protective clothing.

Women in their nightclothes escaped from their bedrooms by letting themselves down from their windows by bedsheets.

Young Druecker, son of the proprietor of the hotel, discovered the fire when he started to investigate the smoke. He went down stairs and opened up a trap door to the basement. The flames shot up. By this time the whole basement and the supports of the building had apparently been completely burned out, as suddenly the billiard table crashed through the floor. Young Druecker had a miraculous escape, the refugees say, because if he had stepped on one of the weak spots in the floor he would have been precipitated into the roaring furnace below.

As soon as the fire broke up through the main floor, it seemed to envelop the whole building as if it had been saturated with kerosene. The flames shot into the sky, bringing persons in launches and rowing boats from the islands for miles around. All that is left of the hotel now is the brick chimney.

Yellow Cabs Force Lower Taxi Rates, Report Shows

Results obtained by the Yellow Cab Company in the first ninety days of operation here ending to-day were summarized by traffic experts who have been investigating the transportation facilities of other cities along the coast.

A true report which they make on Victoria they say:

This local company has now been operating ninety days and has made it possible to use cab service for one-half the price of former days.

The rates in effect in Victoria at present are 30c for the first quarter mile and 10c for each succeeding quarter mile for one passenger, additional passengers 25c for the entire trip. Metered service means that passengers pay only for the distance the cab travels while they are in it, and the fare is registered before their eyes as they ride. This is found to prevent haggling with drivers on over-charges as the meters are sealed and tamper-proof, yielding a receipt like a cash register for the amount due.

The profit per mile on Yellow Cabs at present rates is about 3c. The costs of operation are kept low because the cab is built to stand wear and tear and take a very low rate for depreciation and maintenance—lower than any other vehicle used in cab operation to-day.

Lower rates here with a fair margin of profit are possible with greater volume of business, more miles. As fast as the volume increases the rates will be reduced. All sound business practice demands that a fair profit be taken to remain in business. Additional equipment will also be put in service.

Every city looks with pride on its modern metered cab service such as has been instituted here, and more riders will help to make this company grow and become a greater civic asset.

Praise was accorded H. Barney Olson, president of the Yellow Cab Company here, for his initiative in introducing Yellow Cabs to Victoria and bringing to an end the inefficient system of unorganized taxicabs here with unfair charges.

BOOK REVIEWS

"Sarah Bernhardt," by Sir George Arthur (Gundy).

Sir George Arthur was Mme. Bernhardt's intimate friend for many years. This beautifully written book is an appreciation rather than a biography. The personality of the famous actress forms the main subject of this memoir.

"A Mind That Found Itself," by Clifford W. Beers (Gundy).

A revised and enlarged edition of an autobiography which is a strange and thrilling account of a man who came back after wandering two years in the wilderness of unreason. This book is destined to become a classic. It is a true story of extraordinary quality.

"The Outline of Literature," edited by John Drinkwater (Ryerson Press).

A plain story simply told of the whole course of literature from the beginning to the present day, in all lands and in all languages. The first volume, just published, brings the story to the close of the mediaeval period. It cannot be recommended too highly.

"The Outline of Art," edited by Sir William Orpen (Ryerson Press).

An entertaining story of the development of the world's art, illustrated by hundreds of the great masterpieces, many of them in color.

"Wonders of the Past," edited by J. A. Hammerton (Ryerson Press).

Another beautifully illustrated work uniform in binding and printing with the outline volumes noted above. This is not a dull historical record, but a vivid and sumptuously illustrated survey of the marvels of antiquarian research in all parts of the world.

"Complete Poems," by Tom MacInnes (Ryerson Press).

"The Empire Builders," by R. J. C. Stead (Mussion).

A collection of Mr. Stead's best poems.

"The Reed and the Cross," by Francis Callaghan (Ryerson Press).

A first book of verses by a young Winnipeg poet of exceptional promise.

"Ballads and Lyrics," by Bliss Carman (McClelland).

All the best of Mr. Carman's earlier poems are included in this volume.

"The Rosary of Pan," by A. M. Stephen (McClelland).

Mr. Stephen is a Vancouver poet and this is his first volume.

"Newfoundland Verse," by E. J. Pratt (Ryerson Press).

A first volume by a Toronto poet who was born and reared in Newfoundland.

"The Song of the Prairie Land," by Wilson Macdonald (Ryerson Press).

"The Miracle Songs of Jesus," by Wilson Macdonald (Ryerson Press).

"Woman: A Poem," by Albert Durant Watson (Ryerson Press).

"The Song of Israel and Other Poems," by Albert

"Morning in the West," by Katherine Hale (Mrs. John Garvin) (Ryerson Press).

"Over the Threshold," by Katherine Lella Johnston (Ryerson Press).

"Ben King's Verse" (McClelland).

A collection of the best poems of the well-known American humorist.

"Collected Poems," second series, by William T. Davies (Mussion).

"Collected Poems" of Alice Meynell (McClelland).

"The Taking of Helen," by John Masfield (Macmillan).

One of the masterpieces of the year, a mixture of prose and verse in which Masfield invests with modern romantic color and sentiment the classic story of Paris and Helen.

"The Mad Minstrel and Other Poems," by Robert Watson (Ryerson Press).

"Shepherd's Purse," by Florence Randall Livesay (Macmillan).

"The Garden of the Sun," by Albert

Ernest Stafford Smythe (Macmillan).

"Found Money," by George A. Birmingham (Hodder).

The rollicking story of an English curate who goes to post-war Germany to try to spend a bundle of marks.

"Mr. Podd," by Freeman Tilden (Macmillan).

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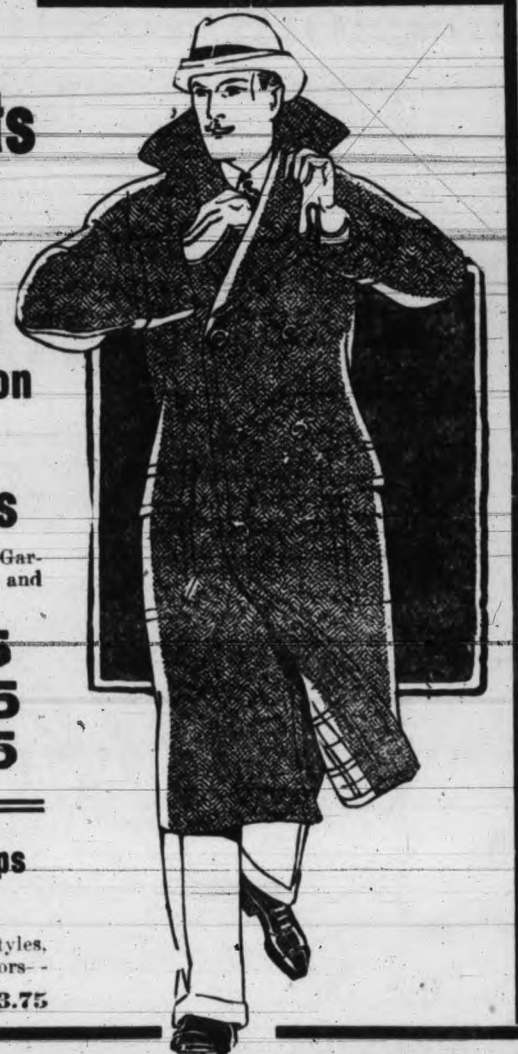
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Gloves, in dark chocolate;
brown; lined, pair \$4.95
—Men's Furnishings, Main FloorWoolen Suits for Boys
\$3.75 and \$4.50English Woolen Suits, with square neck and
polo collars. They are made in two-piece style.
Shades, putty, rose, Saxe and jade. A suit will
make a thoughtful gift for a boy.
—Children, First Floor

Practical Gifts in the Furniture Dept.

Fumed Oak Tea Wagons, with
two lower shelves, cutlery
drawer and separate tea tray.
Each \$32.00
Wicker Cake Stands, made for
accommodating two or three
plates. Regular \$8.99 and
\$10.00 values for \$5.00
Fumed Oak Foot Stools, up-
holstered in genuine leather.
Special, each \$4.50
Globe Wernicke Book Cases, of
quartered oak, in golden finish.
Three sections, base and top.
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Wicker Work Baskets in brown
finish, with hinged top and
lower shelf. Each \$7.50
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shelf, drawer and separate tea
tray \$31.50Quartered Oak Library Table,
with heavy top and back
shelves at each end. Also
double drawer at \$25.00
White Enamel High Chairs
with aluminum trays, \$6.99
Solid Oak High Chairs in
fumed finish, with cane seat and
white enamel tray, at \$5.99
Kindergarten Sets, including
table and two chairs; walnut
or red finish. Each set \$3.50
Children's Odd Chairs, made
of sea grass, split reed and
cane. Several styles at \$2.25
Hardwood Rocking Chairs, in
golden finish. Each \$2.50
Hardwood High Chairs, with
swing tray. Golden finish, at
each \$2.50
—Furniture, Second Floor

A Great Disposal of Toys

With the Christmas drawing nearer, the demand for Toys grows greater. But Toyland
has so many, you need not worry about securing the Toys you need. Come to-morrow
to select the toys you have-a-desire-for. There are many real bargains.True to Life Animals, all British make;
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True to Life Animals, mounted on wheels;
regular \$2.75 for \$1.49
Solid Wood Animals mounted on wheels,
strong and well finished; regular 98¢. Now
for 79¢
Toy Animals filled with wrapped candies.
Special, each 29¢
The "Wiggly" Toy Animal, assorted.
Special, each \$1.00
Metal Double Garage and Two Clockwork
Cars, regular \$1.90 for \$1.49
Fire Station and Two Fire Wagons, regular
\$2.75 for \$1.89
Tip-Top Boxing Game, the manly art of
self defence; regular \$1.75. Selling \$1.29
Army Service Cars, with rubber tires, at
\$4.25, \$5.75 and \$6.50Joy Wheel Game, regular \$2.95, for \$1.98
Counter Jumper Game, amusing and fas-
cinating; regular \$3.75, for \$2.45
American Wonder Toys, the great three-in-
one toy—acropole, ferris wheel and merry-
go-round; regular \$3.50, for \$1.75
"Sandy-Andy" the automatic sand-dump-
ing toy; regular \$2.25 for \$1.98
Horse and Dump Cart a real heavy toy;
values up to \$9.75 for \$4.25
Wicker Doll Buggies, values to 87¢. Special
at 49¢
Values to \$1.25 for 98¢
Artillery Cars, with rubber tires; 3 sizes
\$5.50, \$5.95 and \$6.50
Artillery Cars with iron tires, at \$4.85
\$5.50 and \$5.75On Saturday to Facilitate Easy Selection We Have Arranged Tables, Dis-
playing Toys, All at One Price, 25¢, 49¢ and 98¢These consists of guns, pistols, play set, Scout outfit, swing set, pyramid cubes, dolls
musical instruments, A.B.C. cubes, tivoli boards, balls, barking dogs, cootie games,
brooms, watches, jumping sailors, rattles, rubber animals, jack-in-box, wood mosaic
puzzle, knife and fork sets, model mason, tennis rackets, Christmas trees and hundreds
of others at bargain prices.

—Toyland, Lower Main Floor

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Shawl for a
WomanCharming Italian Silk Shawls, most attractive for wearing with an evening costume. They are superb in quality, designed in handsome shades and finished with deep silk fringe. Remarkable value at \$11.75, \$15.75, \$24.75 and \$35.00
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Many Remarkable
ValuesCamisoles of Habutai Silk; pink, white, orchid, blue, navy and black. Special \$1.25
Underskirts of a superior grade Oriental satin, and shown in all the popular shades. Each \$4.90
Underskirts of best grade English chiffon taffeta, in shot effects and fancy stripes. Each \$5.75
Underskirts of silk moire and art silk, all colors and sizes. Each, \$4.50 and \$5.75
Lace Trimmed Satin Bloomers, in step-in styles. Excellent value, a pair \$4.90Satin or Crepe de Chine Camisoles, made with straps or built-up shoulders, and trimmed with French lace and flowers. Specially attractive values at \$3.90
Camisoles of Crepe de Chine and satin in many new styles and colors. \$1.75, \$1.90 and \$2.50

Envelope Chemises of heavy Crepe de Chine, in white and colors. They are trimmed with dainty French laces, rosettes and ribbons. \$5.75, \$6.75 and \$7.90

Nightgowns of cream nunsveiling, trimmed with brocaded satin ribbons \$6.50

Gowns of heavy Crepe de Chine in attractive colors. New styles, trimmed with lace and satin ribbons. Big values, \$8.75 to \$9.50
—Whitewear, First FloorScarves and Wraps for Women
Gifts That Will Be Valued

Brushed Wool Motor Wraps, shades brown and honeydew, peacock and fawn, grey and maroon; sizes 18 x 72 inches, at, each \$2.95

Brushed Wool Motor Wraps, with pockets and straps. Brown and fawn, fawn and brown, blue and flame and other popular shades; sizes 25 x 72 inches and 27 x 87 inches. Special value, each \$3.95

English Icewool Wraps, in all the new pastel shades, 22 x 72 inches, at \$3.75
Heavy English Icewool wraps and plain shades; 23 x 72 inches. Special \$5.75
Silk Scarves for women or men, new shades; plain and fancy checks and stripes, \$2.98, \$3.70, \$4.75, \$5.75 to \$15.75
Pure Italian Silk Shawls, in all colors and finished with wide fringe, \$11.75 up to \$45.00
—Main FloorA Special Offering
—of—
Christmas
Gift
Blouses

Tricolette Overblouses in drop stitch or fancy weave, designed with round neck, short sleeves and side tie, and in shades of sand, flesh, black or mauve. \$2.50

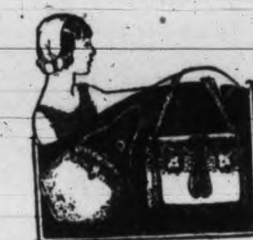
Tricolette Overblouses in drop stitch or fancy weave, with three-quarter sleeves, round, square or Peter Pan necks. The shades are red, brown or navy \$3.98

Overblouses of crepe de Chine or georgette, designed with short sleeves round or square necks. They are trimmed with beads, hemstitching or lace and finished with band at waist or tie at sides. Shades mauve, Nile canary, nigger, grey, Paddy, taupe and cerise \$3.98 each
—Blouses, First FloorSilk Dressing Gowns
Reg. \$15.00 for \$10.00Dressing Gowns of heavy, crepe de Chine, trimmed with French lace. Shades maize, pink and blue. Very special value at \$10.00
—Whitewear, First FloorHouse Dresses—Practical Gifts
At \$1.25, \$1.98 and \$2.98

Chambray Dresses, blue and mauve with cretonne trimming. They are made with pockets and belt of self and trimmed with cretonne. At \$1.25

Black Cretonne Dresses, trimmed with cretonne; all sizes, neat styles and big values \$1.98

Dresses of good grade gingham, in a large selection of colors. Some have collars and cuffs of organdie, others trimmed with plain chambray in contrasting shades. Special value at \$1.98

Crepe Dresses, in all the new shades. Including blue, orange, peach and mauve. Special at \$2.98
—Whitewear, First FloorHandbags and
Vanity Boxes

A Large Selection of Hand Bags, in pouch and envelope styles; also Vanity Boxes, in assorted shapes. They are well made, and big values at \$2.95

English Hand Bags of superior quality, made from a high-grade Morocco and velvet calf leather, in a variety of envelope styles. Colors, brown, navy, grey and black. \$4.95 to \$14.75
Vanity Boxes of the latest production, featuring a shell shape in wonderful color effects; fully fitted and with "Pannier" handle for fastening around the wrist \$5.75
—Handbags, Main FloorGift Handkerchiefs—A Great Choice
for Women and Children

Swiss Lawn Handkerchiefs, white with colored embroidered corners and hemstitched borders. A box at 35¢

White Lawn and Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, embroidered in white or colored effect. A box at 50¢

Fine Quality Handkerchiefs, in all white, solid colors or lace trimmed. A large assortment to select from; all neatly embroidered. A box, 65¢, 75¢

Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, embroidered in white and colored effects; very neat and attractive designs. A box \$1.00

Lace-trimmed Handkerchiefs of finest quality, also solid color or linen Handkerchiefs, embroidered in contrasting shades. A box \$1.25

Fine Swiss Lawn Handkerchiefs in plain colors, embroidered in pretty designs. Each 20¢

Venice Lace Handkerchiefs, exceptional value. Shown in assorted designs. Each 30¢

White Lawn Handkerchiefs, of superfine grade, handsome and elaborate designs. Each 25¢

Genuine Madeira Handkerchiefs of pure linen, hand-embroidered in beautiful eyelet embroidery. No finer work than this. Big value, each 95¢

Initial Handkerchiefs, of excellent weight and quality. All initials; ladies', 25¢ and 35¢

All initials, men's sizes, each 45¢ and 65¢

Children's Handkerchiefs, in wonderful selection of designs and colors. 3 for 25¢

Children's Handkerchiefs, in plain colors or white. These are embroidered with animal heads or characteristic designs. Each 10¢

Women's Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, Irish manufacture, heavy or sheer quality. Each 25¢, 35¢, 50¢ and 65¢
—Main FloorChristmas Gift Sweaters
Special for Saturday

Cardigan Sweaters, of medium weight and made of brushed wool. These have two pockets and fasten with six buttons. The shades are grey and fawn. Special, each \$4.95

Pullover Sweaters, with V neck, two pockets and tie belts. These are in plain shades and stripe effects. Special value \$4.95
—Sweaters, First FloorHeavy Satin
Petticoats
Special Value
\$4.90Petticoats made of heavy satin, in a variety of colors. They are finished with tucked and pleated flounces and are special value at \$4.90
—Whitewear, First FloorHosiery—For Women's and
Children's Gifts

Women's Silk and Wool Hose, with extra long leg, double hemmed top; shades fawn, blue and green mixtures. A pair \$1.50

Women's Silk Thread Hose, strong quality, with elastic lisle tops; reinforced toes and heels. Shades white, black, brown, pearl grey, nude, otter, beaver, camel and dove. A pair \$2.00

Women's Silk Clocket Hose, with mercerized lisle tops, reinforced heels and toes. A pair \$2.50

Women's Silk and Wool Hose, in ribbed effect with clocks. They have double garter hem and reinforced feet. Shades black, brown, beige and camel. A pair at \$2.50

Women's Pure Silk Hose, full fashioned and with lace clocks; double garter hem and reinforced feet, shades grey, beige, black and brown. A pair \$4.75

Women's Sheer Finish Lustrous Silk Hose, black, white, navy, camel, sand, grey and polo. A pair 98¢

Boys' English Golf Hose, with fancy tops; shades black, navy, brown, grey. Sizes 7 to 9½. Excellent wearing Hose, priced according to size, from 65¢ to \$1.25

Women's Outsize Black Cashmere Hose, seamless throughout and with extra large leg. Sizes 9, 9½ and 10. Special value, a pair, at \$1.00

Boys' All-wool Golf Hose, with turn-over tops, wide rib, Penman's brand; brown, grey and Lovat mixtures. A pair 98¢

Children's Threesquarter Length Silk and Wool Hose, plain knit with fancy rib tops, double spliced heels and toes. Black, cadet, sand and canary. A pair for 50¢
—Hosiery, Main FloorWomen's Fibre Silk Vests and
Bloomers—For Gifts

Fibre Silk Bloomers, with elastic at waist and knee. They are reinforced with double gusset and are heavy weight. Shades rose, navy, mauve and pink. Sizes 36 to 42. A pair \$2.75

Women's Fibre Silk Vests, opera top with sleeves, mauve and white. Also silk top with opera and shaped straps, flesh and white. All sizes for \$1.98
—Knit Underwear, First FloorGifts for
Baby

Infants' Silk and Wool Costes, at \$1.90

Hand-made Costes, trimmed with crochet edging in silk and ribbons \$1.25

Infants' Sweater Coats in pull-over style, white and colors, \$2.75 and \$3.50

Babies' Costes, of silk and wool, will not shrink. Special value at 98¢

Coat Sets of heavy English wool, double-breasted styles in flared effect. Cap to match. Shades white, rose and blue. Each set for \$7.50

Costes of white wool, made in Tuxedo style and fastened with satin ribbons \$1.25

Wool Gaiters, with strap, made in fancy styles; a large assortment to select from, 50¢, 75¢ and \$1.00

Wool Bonnets, knitted and crocheted, many neat styles, 75¢, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75

All-wool Honeycomb Shawls, medium weight and finished with heavy fringe; assorted sizes. At \$1.75 to \$7.50

Shawls of pure wool and silk; fancy patterns, large sizes, \$5.00, \$6.50 and \$6.75

"Jiffy" Pants, in white and chambray shades. All sizes. A pair for 35¢

"Kiddy Kumfy" Pants of sanitary rubber and finished with binding of self. All sizes. A pair 50¢

Doll's "Jiffy" Pants, of rubber. A pair 50¢
—Infants', First FloorDamask Cloths
—and—
NapkinsMake The Christmas Table
White as Snow
Ideal Gifts

New Damask Cloths, in all sizes; 1½-yard square, various designs. Each \$2.00

2 yards square, various designs. Special each, \$4.75 and \$3.98

2 x 2½ yards, various designs. Special, each, \$5.75 and \$4.50

The designs include tulip and lily of the valley, rose, carnation, fern leaf, shamrock.

Table Napkins to match, per dozen, \$5.75 and \$4.50

A Special Purchase of Double Damask Pure Irish Linen Cloths and Napkins

Handsome designs, in fern, rose, lily, chrysanthemum. Dinner Cloths, 2 yards square, big value, each \$7.50 and \$4.75

Dinner Cloths, 2 x 2½ yards. Big value, each, \$9.50 and \$6.75

Dinner Cloths, 2 x 3 yards. Big value, each, \$11.50 and \$10.75

Dinner Napkins, a dozen, \$10.95 and \$8.75

A Damask Linen Set

A handsome gift—One Tablecloth and Napkins to match. A Cloth 2 yards square and 6 Napkins, \$6.50, \$7.50 and \$12.50

A Cloth 2 x 2½ yards long, and 6 Napkins, \$7.00, \$8.75 and \$15.00

A Cloth 2 x 3 yards, and 6 Napkins, \$15.50, \$17.50 and \$21.00
—Linens, Main Floor

Fancy Work Baskets

Baskets that are very neat and cleverly made and trimmed with colored tassels, beads, coins and rings. Five different sizes to select from, at, each, 75¢, \$1.00, \$1.50 \$2.00
—Art Needlework, First FloorFleecy Flannelette
Dressing Gowns
\$4.95Dressing Gowns, for women, made of fleecy flannelette. A practicable and acceptable gift at a very moderate price. They are shown in such shades as navy, red, grey, turquoise, Saxe blue, lavender and pink. The gowns are trimmed on collars and cuffs with satin and finished at waist with a wool cord girdle. Sizes 16 to 42. At \$4.95
—Mantles, First FloorGirls' Blanket Cloth Coats
Special Value—\$9.75 and \$12.95Blanket Cloth Coats for girls, some designed in loose back style, with side fastening; others with belt and patch pockets. The shades prominent are brown, blue, green and fawn. The coats are trimmed with fur collars and are suitable for the ages of 6 to 14 years. Special, \$9.75
Blanket Cloth Coats in a light brown shade, made in plain tailored effects with patch pockets, belt and inverted pleat in back. These are for the ages of 8 to 14 years. Selling for \$9.75 and \$12.75
—Children's, First Floor

Christmas Specials in the Book Department

Big Book of Fairy Tales, at, each 69¢
Midgert Fountain Pens, each at 98¢
A pen suitable for a boy's or girl's gift, and convenient to carry in a lady's purse.
Christmas Gift Stationery, in linen note with colored linen envelopes. A dainty gift, a box \$1.35Selected Christmas Cards, in boxes. Special, a box 90¢
Christmas Post Cards, 2 qualities, 2 for 50¢ and 4 for 50¢
Christmas Cards, in great variety, each 5¢ up to 50¢

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PREMIER DENIES LAST-MINUTE PLOT TO STIFLE BOWSER

Opposition Tried to Spring
Surprise This Morning and
Failed, Oliver Declares

Speaker in Agreement With
Premier Refused to Listen to
Him, Bowser Charges

Charges by W. J. Bowser, opposition leader, that Speaker Pauline and Premier Oliver, by an agreement between them, had stifled discussion of Pacific Great Eastern Railway affairs at this morning's brief session of the Legislature, were answered this afternoon by the Premier.

The Opposition, the Premier declared in a written statement issued to newspapermen, had attempted to "spring a surprise" upon the Government and had failed.

"The fact that the intended surprise involved a gross breach of faith on the part of the Opposition had no deterrent effect as far as Mr. Bowser and his supporters were concerned," the Premier added.

The Premier's statement is as follows: "I have been advised that the Leader of the Opposition is issuing a statement to the press to the effect that the Opposition had intended to press at this morning's session, two resolutions standing on the order paper, one in the name of Mr. Hinchliffe and the other in the name of Mr. Ealing, but that as a result of an arrangement between the Premier and the Speaker, they were prevented from doing so.

"The real truth in regard to this matter is that several days ago, when these resolutions were being debated, the Premier announced his opposition to each of these resolutions, giving his reasons for opposing them. Subsequently an understanding was reached with the Leader of the Opposition that in order to allow the Opposition members to attend a dinner in their honor, given by the member for Esquimalt, the House should sit and work late on Wednesday night so as to allow the business of the House to be completed at the Thursday afternoon session, leaving the evening free for Opposition members to attend the entertainment before mentioned, and that only the formal prorogation should take place on Friday morning.

"This arrangement was thoroughly understood as between the Leader of the Opposition and myself, and as a sequence of this arrangement, a number of members of the Legislature left for their homes last night. On Thursday morning, I had advised His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor that I intended to be ready for prorogation ceremonies at 11 o'clock this morning, and after the conclusion of the afternoon session yesterday, I advised the Speaker of the fact that arrangements had been made for His Honor to prorogue the House at 11 o'clock.

"Early this morning I was advised that Mr. Hinchliffe intended to stage some surprise at the morning session, but I had no direct advice either from Mr. Hinchliffe or the Leader of the Opposition. I considered that any attempt to spring a surprise upon the House and upon the Government after a number of our supporters had left for their homes would be a gross breach of faith and of the understanding reached as to the time of prorogation, and I advised the Speaker of the information I had received.

"Some little delay occurred on account of the printing of His Honor's prorogation speech so that it was nearly half past eleven when the Speaker called the House to order. When the Speaker entered the House this morning, His Honor was in waiting in the Speaker's room and following the arrangements which had been made in good faith, immediately after prayers, the Speaker announced that the report of Price, Waterhouse & Co. on P.G.E. affairs had been tabled with the clerk for the information of members of the Legislature, and also advised the House that His Honor was in attendance, and that he proposed to leave the chair for the purpose of escorting His Honor into the House. This the Speaker proceeded to do and it was not until the Speaker was leaving the House that Mr. Hinchliffe made an attempt to speak.

"It is not true that at any time the Leader of the Opposition was on his feet to address the Speaker at this morning's session of the Legislature. "To put the matter shortly, the Opposition attempted to spring a surprise upon the Government

and utterly failed in their attempt. The fact that the intended surprise involved a gross breach of faith on the part of the Opposition, apparently had no deterrent effect as far as Mr. Bowser and his supporters were concerned."

Mr. Bowser's statement was as follows: "When the Legislature met this morning the Opposition had intended to press two resolutions, that moved by Mr. Hinchliffe, asking for the appointment of a Royal Commission on Pacific Great Eastern Railway affairs, and that moved by Mr. Ealing, asking for the return of correspondence between the Premier as Minister of Railways and Railway Department officials; this of course, aiming at the production of letters between the Premier and E. J. Rossiter, former railway accountant.

"We were very anxious to have the House instruct the Government as to the scope of the Royal Commission, and to make it as wide as the Hinchliffe resolution called for. We did not wish to leave ourselves to the tender mercies of the Government, which, as soon as House adjourns, can issue any commission they see fit under the Public Inquiries Department, either to have the House instruct the Government, or if a majority did not see fit to pass our resolution, to divide the House as to scope of the Royal Commission.

STIFLED DISCUSSION
"For this purpose as soon as the Speaker took the chair the Leader of the Opposition and Mr. Hinchliffe were on their feet to move a motion that the House proceed with the Hinchliffe resolution, and the Speaker, apparently as a result of an arrangement between himself and the Premier, deliberately decided to ignore all public discussion in the Legislature this morning on any question. We then had the unprecedented spectacle of the Opposition and Mr. Hinchliffe being on their feet to address the chair, and the Speaker deliberately turned his back and walked out of the Legislature in order that no dangerous resolutions which might affect the fate of the Government could possibly be introduced.

"Of course, the presiding officer having lost all the traditions of his high office in conducting his chair, while Honorable Members were on their feet, we of the minority were absolutely powerless."

OBITUARY

The funeral of the late Charles McKenle will take place from McCall Bros. funeral chapel on Saturday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Staff Captain Jaymes will conduct the service, after which the remains will be laid to rest at Ross Bay Cemetery.

The funeral of the late Samuel Terrell, who passed away at his home, 327 Pembroke Street, took place yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, from the Sands Funeral Chapel. Relatives and many friends were in attendance, and the casket was covered with many beautiful flowers. The services were conducted by the Rev. Wm. Elliott, assisted by Dr. W. J. Sipprell, and the hymns sung were "Forever With the Lord" and "Rock of Ages." Representatives of the Spanish Council and members of the Victoria City Council were present. The remains were forwarded on the night boat to Guelph, Ontario, where interment will be made in the family plot.

The funeral of the late James Harry Gordon, who passed away at the family residence last Monday, took place yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Sands Funeral Chapel. Relatives and many friends were in attendance, and members of the British Camp Followers attended in a body. Captain C. Reid officiated and the hymn sung was "Jesus, Lover of My Soul." The body was borne to the cemetery on a gun carriage, the casket draped with the Union Jack. The motor following were covered with many beautiful flowers. The firing party preceded the gun carriage to Ross Bay Cemetery, where three volleys were fired over the grave and the bugler sounded the Last Post. The following brother members of the British Camp Followers acted as pallbearers: Messrs. Thomas Hsieh, E. Miller, J. M. Asklund and D. J. MacLennan.

**MAN FELL INTO
STEAMSHIP'S HOLD
AND IS DYING**

Vancouver, Dec. 21.—R. Wright, 34, of Vancouver, received what are believed to be fatal injuries today when he fell down a hatchway of the steamship Belfast Maru. Wright was engaged in removing the hatch coverings when he overbalanced, falling a distance of more than forty feet into the vessel's hold. No hopes are held out for his recovery.

DISABLED VETERANS OPEN XMAS STORE

Seasonable Toys and Presents
Offered on Government
Street

Toys made by war stricken men pluckily fighting to establish themselves as producing, useful citizens in spite of missing legs or hands, twisted limbs or shattered health from their sufferings on the battlefield, are offered to Christmas shoppers this year. Much has been said of the brave fight disabled veterans have been making at the Red Cross shop, struggling to compete with the product of the open labor market from which they have been forced away. The disabled men have by their industry in the manufacture of novelties made an effort to carve a name for themselves. In the summer they turn out souvenirs for the tourist trade. For several months past they have been making articles for the Christmas business.

BIDS FOR BUSINESS
Scooters, kiddie cars, shoofly horses, wheelbarrows, kindergarten tables and chairs, dolls' cradles, motor cars and a variety of other toys, strong and sturdy, and each a little different from the usual run of toys, are on display at a store which has been opened at 1105 Government Street. To-morrow between 9 and 12 o'clock the store bids for business with a special on doll buggies.

Toys form a small part of a very complete stock, baskets, tables, trays, fern stands, lamp shades and shoe boxes being among the selections from which an acceptable Christmas

present can be chosen. Two fine black walnut tables are pointed out by the enterprising salesman as among the best bargains in the store.

BY-ELECTION CAUSES MUCH DISCUSSION

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offset further possible losses east of the Great Lakes, the Government, in the event of a general election, would need to secure a stronger following from the prairie provinces.

INTERESTING SESSION
Nevertheless the situation is one of uncertainty. In its bearing upon the coming session of Parliament will be of particular interest. It promises to be a session of exciting episodes and sharp fighting.

Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, Conservative leader, arrived back in Ottawa to-day, but had no further comment to make on the Kent result. Premier King's arrival from his constituency has been delayed several hours owing to the derailment of a freight train near Toronto.

MAJORITY OF 185

Richibucto, N. B., Dec. 21.—Alexander J. Doucette, Conservative, was elected in the Kent by-election yesterday by a majority of 185 votes over his Liberal opponent, Alfred Bourgeois, it was shown by final returns here this morning. The totals were: Doucette, 3,653; Bourgeois, 3,468.

The by-election was held to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the sitting Liberal member, A. T. Leger, who had been elected in 1921 over Mr. Doucette by a majority of 1,530. Alleged discrimination against the

Maritime Provinces, many local issues, a number of provincial questions and the election on December 5 of a Conservative candidate in Halifax constituency were important factors in the Kent by-election campaign.

The result of yesterday's by-election reduces the King Government's following in the House of Commons to 115 against a combined opposition of 199, the parties standing: Government, 115; Progressives, 62; Conservatives, 52; Labor, 2; Independents, 3; total opposition, 119. This, with the Speaker, makes up the total membership of 235.

AN ALLIANCE

Toronto, Dec. 21.—The Globe says: "Following upon the reverses in Halifax and Kent, which leave the Government in a small minority in the Commons, talk of a Liberal-Progressive rapprochement will undoubtedly be more generally heard."

Winnipeg, Dec. 21.—The Manitoba Free Press says: "The defeat of the Liberal candidate in Kent County, New Brunswick, is a very serious matter for the present Federal Government. The Government of the day, whatever its label, suffers in the Maritime Provinces from conditions which have been slowly maturing, and with which neither Liberals nor Conservatives, when in power, have shown themselves capable of dealing. The result is the resulting stagnation, depopulation and unrest find a natural expression in political revolt."

MEIGHEN'S STATEMENT

North Bay, Ont., Dec. 21.—"The result is very satisfactory," said Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, when told of the result of the Kent by-election. The Conservative leader passed through here on his return to Ottawa from his Western trip. Other than expressing his pleasure that another constituency had been gained for his party, he declined to comment further on the result. Mr. Meighen said the Conservative situation in the West was "improving rapidly."

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THE TIMES DAILY PICTURE PAGE



LOOK PLEASANT PLEASE!—Dr. Wilhelm Mark, new German Chancellor, consents to pose for the movies. He's the man of the hour in Germany.



BIOLOGIST.—Professor Paul Kammerer of the University of Vienna recently arrived in this country to lecture on the prolongation of human efficiency.



CHAMP!—Silver Lane Pakson, kitten held by Mrs. Fernie B. Reider, of Binghamton, N.Y., won first prize at the cat show in New York City.



"RED" RYAN AND COMRADES.—"Red" Ryan, one of the four convicts who escaped from Kingston penitentiary in September, is reported captured in Minneapolis. His three comrades evaded capture. Left to right, "Red" Ryan, Arthur Brown, Thomas Bryans, Gordon Simpson.



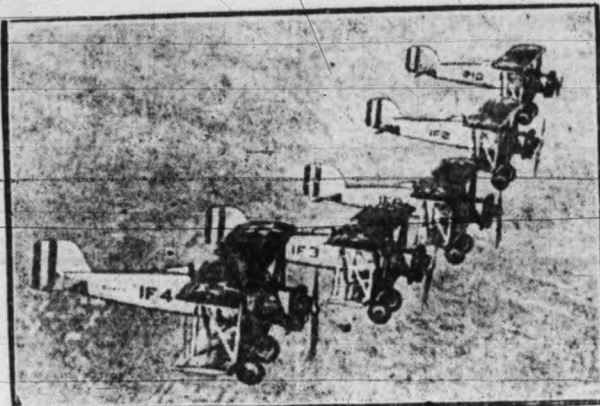
SHE LOVES THE SEAS.—Emily Ashcroft, senior matron for the Canadian Pacific steamships, is just beginning her 24th year in that company's service. She starts on a cruise around the world on the Empress of Canada from Vancouver and Victoria in January.



FLIRTING WITH TNT.—These eight women represent the "masher squad" of the New York City police department. It is their duty to arrest mere men who carry their flirtations to extreme points. And they are being very effective. They would not allow their names to be used in connection with the picture.



BACK TO GREAT-GRANDMOTHER'S DAYS.—Ohio farmers demanding "lower taxes and less legislation" have started caravans of old prairie schooners to Columbus and Washington from different parts of the state. Here is the first wagon getting on its way. It is ready to leave North Lima near Youngstown, with Mrs. R. H. Byerly, lecturer of the Mahoning County Pomona Grange, holding the reins. She is dressed in the bonnet and hoop skirt her great-grandmother wore when she came to Ohio from Connecticut via covered wagon years ago.



FIGHTING PLANES IN AIR.—Remarkable photograph of U.S. navy fighting planes of the aircraft squadron, with the battle fleet of the Pacific Coast, shown in a mass formation of the air.



W. J. BLAIR, newly-chosen leader of the Conservative party in Alberta.



KINGS AND THEIR "BOSSSES."—King Alfonso of Spain with Dictator Primo De Rivera in background and (right) King Victor Emmanuel of Italy overshadowed by Mussolini.



"CHRISTUS."—Anton Lang, the "Christus" of Oberammergau Passion Plays, arrived in New York recently with other players to participate in an exhibit of art objects made by Oberammergau folk for sale in this country. There will be no Passion Play staged by them in this country, it is said.



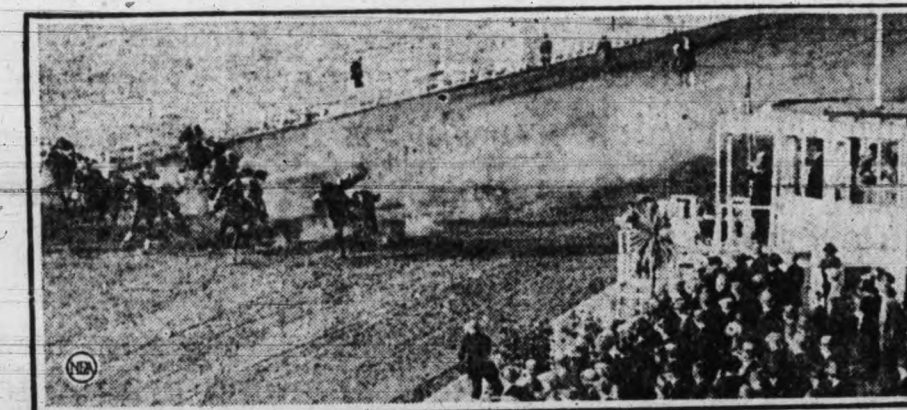
PRINCESS.—Prince Henry XV, one of the wealthiest of the old German nobility, is seeking, according to cable dispatches, to annul his marriage to the Princess of Pless (above).



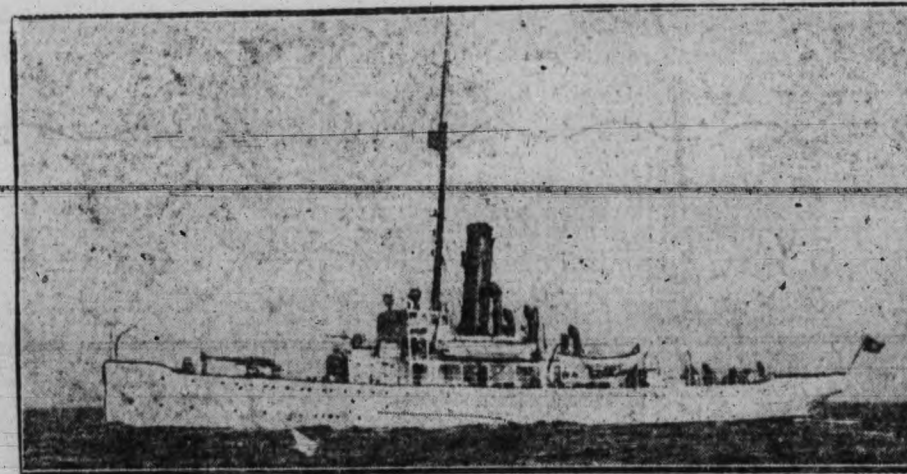
IN CABINET.—Dr. Brauns, Minister of Labor in the Cabinet of Dr. Marx, new German Chancellor, is photographed on the streets of Berlin on his way to first Cabinet meeting.



SWEET KISSES FOR SWEETIE.—Bobby Folsom, vaudeville actress, is sending sweet kisses, as well as sweet words, to her Romeo. She is finishing her amorous epistle with kisses from lips scented with a new, specially flavored lipstick.



DOWN IN GAY OLD TIA JUANA.—Tia Juana, Mexico, again is the mecca of society folk of southern California and sportsmen and horse lovers from all quarters. The winter races are on again. And Tia Juana, from all reports, is just about as wide open as it ever was. The eighteenth amendment is something they've only heard of in a casual way down there. Here is a closeup of a section of the crowd on hand the opening day. Chivva, a rank-outsider, with Banfill up, won the initial handicap at 10 to 1 in a massed finish. A number of Victorians as usual are now planning to take in some of the sport there before Spring.



U. S. COAST-GUARD CUTTER keeping a vigilant watch for rum-runners off the New England Coast.

SCHOOL DAYS

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FOR THE CHILDREN

The Sandman Story For To-night

SANTA CLAUS AND THE SANDMAN

It was the night before Christmas and the Sandman was almost discouraged. He had been hard at work since sunset trying to get the children to go to sleep so that Santa Claus could begin his long, hard night's work.

"It just seems to me that every year they grow worse instead of better," signed the Sandman as he sat on the edge of a chimney and pulled his long cape snugly about his shoulders.

"Every year they promise to do better the next and then they don't; that is all there is about it."

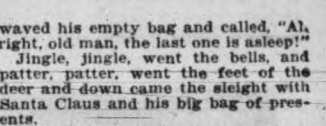
"There is poor old Santa waiting up there on the edge of the moon, his reindeer dancing about, impatient to be off and I can't give him the signal."

"If he was not the best natured creature in the world he would blame me for his troubles Christmas Eve, but he never says a word. I know all about it; he always answers when I tell him I tried and could not get the children into bed early, much less make them go to sleep."

"Then I hate to tell him the whole truth," the Sandman went on saying to himself. "He might not leave presents for some of those children who cry and scream and make such a terrible fuss on Christmas night because they have to go to bed. They want to catch him, and he would be angry if he knew that, I am sure."

"My! But it is chilly up here, even if I have on thick clothes. I must go inside and try again to get those unruly children asleep. Poor old Santa!"

It was very late when at last from the top of a tall chimney Sandman



He was the first to see the Sandman's empty bag and called, "Ah, right, old man, the last one is asleep!"

"Jingle, jingle, went the bells, and patter, patter, went the feet of the deer and down came the sleight with Santa Claus and his big bag of presents."

"It beats the Dutch how they keep awake on this night, doesn't it?" said Santa, with a chuckle, and down the chimney he disappeared with his pack and off ran the poor tired Sandman toward his home.

No one is quite sure where the Sandman lives, but that he did not get home that night is certain, for when Santa Claus had made his last visit, he was calling to his sleigh, to "turn along now for home" he saw far down in a valley a black spot.

"Bless me if that does not look like Sandman," said Santa Claus leaning over the side of his sleigh. "I do believe it is," he said squinting up his merry eyes.

"No use, my pretties," he said to the sleigh, "I just can't leave that poor fellow there. Trot along now and we will see what we can do for him."

Down to the valley trotted the reindeer and sure enough Santa was right. It was the Sandman asleep.

"Poor fellow, all tired out," said Santa, "those children don't realize how they bother the poor boy. I'll just take him home with me and give him some breakfast. He has to work hard here on Christmas Eve."

The sleigh was at the door of Santa's home before the Sandman opened his eyes, for Santa Claus had laid him on the bottom of the sleigh and covered him up with a warm robe without waking him up.

"Merry Christmas," said Santa with a jolly laugh, "you did before breakfast, didn't you? Well, come in now and have some ham and eggs and coffee and rolls and mush and cream and pie and cake and mince."

"What for breakfast, all of that?" exclaimed Sandman.

"Of course. How do you think I keep so fat if I do not eat?" said Santa.

It was growing dark when the Sandman bade Santa goodbye and thanked him for his meal. "You will have an awfully time of it to-night," said Santa, "they won't try to drive you away. Every last child will be ready to see you. You will owe all of the sand you have in your bag to-night."

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Thirdly: the comparative calmness with which he saw his uncle, still undecided, or what was fully as probable, confused in mind by his sufferings and the near approach of death, order the destruction of the remaining will, to preserve which and make it operative he had risked the remorse of a lifetime. He knew that with both wills gone, the third and original one which at that time he believed to be still in existence would secure for him even more than the one he saw being consumed before his eyes; viz: the undisputed possession of the Bartholomew estate.

So much for the time preceding the discovery that crime and not the hazard of disease had caused our uncle's sudden death. How about Edgar's conduct since? Was there anything in that to dispute this theory?

Not absolutely. Emotion under circumstances so tragic, would be expected from him; and with his quick mind and knowledge of the worstful affliction felt for him by every member of the household, he must have had little fear of any unfortunate results to himself and a most lively recognition of where the blame would fall if he acted with the skill of which he was the undoubted master.

There was but one remote possibility which might turn the tables. Perhaps, it came across him like a

flash; perhaps, he had thought of it before, but considered it of no consequence so long as it was the universally accepted belief that Uncle had died a natural death.

And this brings us to Fourthly: Was it in accordance with my theory of the reverse, for him, immediately and before the doctor could appear, to rush upstairs in company with Orpha and Nurse Wealthy to inspect the cabinet where the medicines were kept?

In full accordance with my theory. Knowing that he must have left finger-marks there on bottle or shelf, he takes the one way to confound suspicion; adds more of his own, and passes the phial into the hands of the two who accompanied him on this very excusable errand.

Was there any other fact which I could remember which might tip the scale, so heavily weighted, even a trifle the other way?

Yes, one—a big one. The impossibility for me even now to attribute such devility to a man who had certainly loved the victim of this monstrous crime.

As I rose from this effort to sound the murky depths into which my thoughts had groveled in spite of myself and all the proprieties, I found by the strong feeling of revulsion which made the memory of the past hour hateful to me, that I could never pursue the road which I

had thus carefully mapped out for myself. That innocent or guilty, Edgar, Quenton, Bartholomew, beloved by our uncle, was sacred in my eyes because of that love, and that what might be done by others to fix this crime upon him, I could do nothing to do nothing to help them, even if I must continue to bear to the very end the opprobrium under which I now labored.

And Orpha? Had I forgotten my fears for her—the duty I had felt to preserve her from a step which might mean more than unhappiness—might mean shame?

No; but in that moment of decision made for me by my own nature, the conviction had come that I need not be apprehensive of Orpha marrying Edgar or marrying me while this question between us remained unsettled.

She would be neutral to the end, even if her heart broke. I knew my darling.

In this mood, and in this decision I remained for two weeks. I tried to divert myself by reading, and I think my love for books which presently grew into a passion had its inception in that monotonous succession of day after day without a break in the suspense which held me like a hand upon my throat.

I was not treated ill, I was simply boycotted. This made it unpleasant for me to walk the streets, though I never hesitated to do so when I had a purpose in view.

Of Orpha I heard little, though now and then some whiff of gossip from Quenton Court would reach me. She had filled the house with guests, but there was no gaiety. The only young person among them was Lucy Colfax, who was preparing for her wedding. The rest were relatives of humble means and few pleasures to whom life amid the comforts and splendors of Quenton Court was like a visit to fairyland. Edgar had followed my example and taken up his abode in one of the hotels. But he spent most of his evenings at the house where he soon became the idol of the various aunts and cousins who possibly would never have honored

me with anything beyond a certain civility.

Ere long I heard of his intention to leave town. With his position no better defined than it was, he found C— intolerable.

I wondered if they would let him go. By then I meant the police. If they did, I meant to go too, or at least to make an effort to do so. I wanted to work. I wanted to feel my manhood once again active. I wrote to the firm in whose offices I had done.

This is my letter robbed of its heading and signature.

I am well aware in what light I have been held up to the public by the New York press. No one accuses me, yet there are many who think me capable of a great crime. If this were true should be left me respectable of men. For my uncle was my good friend and made a man of me out of very indifferent material. I regretted him and as my place is in my home town so long as there is any doubt of the innocence of my relations towards my uncle.

This dispatched, I waited three days for a response. Then I received this telegram:

Come.

Going immediately to Headquarters I brought out the Inspector and showed him this message.

"Shall I go or shall I not?" I asked. He did not answer at once; seemed to hesitate and finally left the room for a few minutes. When he came back he smiled and said:

"My answer is yes. You are young. If you wait for full justification in this case, you may have to wait a lifetime. And then again you may not."

I wrung his hand and for the next hour forgot everything but the manner in which I would make the attempt to see Orpha—I could not leave without a word of farewell to the one being for whose sake I kept my soul from despair.

(To be continued.)

Toronto, Dec. 21.—The Court of Appeal has heard counsel in the appeal of John Kollon, sentenced at Sandwich on October 25 to death for the murder of Peter Starch, and adjourned the appeal for further hearing to January 2. In the meantime application is being made to Ottawa for executive clemency.

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Vancouver Island News

RAIN RENDER ROAD USELESS

Cowichan Lake Isolated by Highway From Duncan; Storm Damage

Special to The Times
Lake Cowichan, Dec. 20.—Heavy winds have again been raging at the lake causing further inconvenience to dwellers in houseboats, some of whom had to move out of their homes on Sunday night to seek shelter with neighbors. Numbers of trees have been uprooted, the ground being sodden with rain. Telephone and telegraph wires have again suffered damage. Added to this the torrential rains have caused a rapid rise in the river and part of the main road to Duncan has become inundated—so much an extent that all traffic has been suspended on this portion. On Monday it was impossible to get out with the mail. The road foreman has now opened up a detour round the obstruction. Every year or so the high water causes this interruption of traffic. Efforts have been made to induce the authorities to remedy the matter, so far with no success. The detour, which has now been opened up, is on a proper road allowance and if permanent work were put in on this there would always be an alternate road, thus obviating any future suspension of traffic on account of high water. The distance is short and the cost would be comparatively small. The old wagon bridge has been blocked by a log jam for the past few days. Every year money is spent in keeping this bridge open for navigation.

Miss Hall and Miss Beauvoir, district health centre nurses, inspected the school last week. They had some

trouble in reaching the schoolhouse owing to the road being flooded, and were fortunate in getting away again before it became impossible.

Several of the logging camps have closed down for the Christmas holidays.

The Game Conservation Board is making arrangements for the shipment of a consignment of mountain goats to be liberated in the Shaw Creek Game Reserve. Four of these animals have already been caught and are being held at Nanaimo until the requisite number have been procured, and until they have become more or less amenable to shipment in crates.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Burckett, of Lund, B.C., are spending Christmas here with Mr. and Mrs. Boulton.

Tom Bradford, of Belmont, Man., is visiting the lake and renewing old acquaintances.

SIDNEY NEWS

(Special to The Times)
The Sidney Social Club held its weekly meeting in Matthews' Hall on Wednesday evening. Seven tables were occupied. Military five hundred was played. The winners of the first prizes were Mrs. Hamblin, Mrs. McManis, Mr. Deacon and Mr. Watson.

The regular monthly meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association was held in the school. Mrs. E. B. Bissett, of the Victoria High School staff, gave a lecture on the curriculum required by a public school student. He pointed out that the essential training of a public school student was composed of the six following requirements, and demanded that beyond the student, let school be to be physically, vocationally, avocationally, civically, morally and religiously fit. He emphasized that if teachers and parents could keep the pupils properly engaged during the six hours of their avocation that the future of the student would be guaranteed. After the address refreshments were served and a social hour was enjoyed.

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T. Basset and J. Greaves defeated W. Walday and Teddy May (South Cowichan), 8-15, 15-11, 15-14.

The home team provided a delicious tea which was served under the direction of Mrs. Gibbs and Mrs. Craig and the tea committee.

HOSPITAL AUXILIARY OF CHEMINAIS MEETS

Special to The Times
Cheminais, Dec. 19.—The Cheminai Hospital W.A. held its December meeting on Monday afternoon at the hospital, when the nomination of officers for the coming year took place as follows: Honorary president, Mrs. E. J. Palmer; president, Mrs. B. Eytan; secretary, Mrs. J. Taylor; treasurer, Mrs. J. P. Smith; and Mrs. A. C. P. Stubb brought it to a close after which the hospital was thrown open to the ladies for inspection through the courtesy of the nurses.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Salter and family have left Cheminai for Seattle where they will reside in future.

Mrs. H. E. Heslip and little daughter are in Vancouver where they will remain over the Christmas holidays.

DUNCAN NEWS

Special to The Times
Duncan, Dec. 20.—A friendly match against the South Cowichan B team played in the Agricultural Hall, Duncan, on Tuesday afternoon. Duncan won six matches to two.

Miss E. Basset and Trevor Basset defeated Miss Stein and Teddy May (South Cowichan), 15-0, 15-15.

Miss Marjorie Norrie and Mr. Walday (South Cowichan) defeated Miss Blythe and Major Rice, 15-8, 15-12.

Miss Lamb and J. Greaves defeated Miss Kennington and H. Barnett (South Cowichan), 15-5, 15-5.

Miss E. Basset and Miss Blythe defeated Miss Marjorie Norrie and Miss Stein (South Cowichan), 15-0, 15-16.

Mrs. Morton and Miss Kennington (South Cowichan) defeated Mr. Crawford and Miss Lamb, 15-17, 15-9, 15-11.

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WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Special to The Times
Cowichan Station, Dec. 20.—The Women's Auxiliary held their annual general meeting at the home of Mrs. W. H. May, on Friday, the attendance was fair in spite of the weather, which was very rainy. The election of officers occupied some time. All the present officers were re-elected.

Mrs. Collison, honorable president; Mrs. H. P. Tooker, president; Mrs. Averill, treasurer; Miss A. Bolster, secretary; Miss M. Bolster, "Leaflets" secretary.

Archdeacon Collison was present and spoke on the value of the W.A. work in the Church of England in Canada.

He also gave an interesting sketch of his recent tour of the extreme north of the island and urged on his hearers the immediate need of a movement to provide the numbers of white settlers in that region with a minister of the gospel for their spiritual help.

The South Cowichan Badminton Club B team played a match against the Duncan B team on Tuesday at Duncan. Many good games took place but Duncan won easily, 8-2.

Sooke Harbor News

Special to The Times
Sooke Harbor, Dec. 21.—A large number of the younger residents of Sooke visited the districts around here on Monday and Tuesday evenings, December 17 and 18, to sing carols. This is the third year that the young people have visited the various homes of the district. The money collected has been sent to the Friends' Help for the purpose of buying Christmas dinners for the poor. All who helped in any way are to be congratulated on the beautiful rendering of the Christmas carols. Many thanks are due to the kind owners who loaned their cars in order to save the singers the long walk. Sausages and many of the homes farther away.

A dance will be held in the Sooke Hall on New Year's Eve under the auspices of the Sooke orchestra. This is the only dance of the season which has been given by the orchestra, and is hoped that it will be well patronized.

Miss Florence Muir has spent a few days in Victoria as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Meher, of Esquimalt.

A carol service will be held in the Sooke Anglican Church on Sunday evening, December 23, at seven o'clock.

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Nanaimo, Dec. 21.—The seven men injured in the grade crossing accident when Whistling No. 1, carrying miners from Nanaimo to Lantzville, was struck by a southbound E. & N. passenger train, are well on the way to complete recovery.

William Mehans, 42 Irwin Street, was enabled to leave the hospital on the following day for his home, and William Watson, Kennedy Street, who sustained scalp wounds, was discharged from the hospital later. The other five injured men, viz. James Crutchley, South Five Acres, injured arm, broken rib and shock; A. Rubenstein, Wallace Street, scalp wounds and shock; George Gould, Eagle Hotel, injuries to head; James Cook, Haliburton Street, shock; and Robert Young, Crescent Hotel, cut about the head, are all getting along well at the hospital and their complete recovery is only a matter of a short time.

STEER CAUSED PANIC IN STREETS OF NEW YORK

New York, Dec. 21.—A steer ran amuck yesterday and threw crowds in the theatre district here into a panic. The steer had escaped from an abattoir at Fortieth Street and Eleventh Avenue. Racing across the city toward Broadway the steer found an automobile in his path. Putting his head under the car he toppled it over. In falling the automobile knocked down a woman, but she was only slightly bruised.

As the steer was nearing Broadway a patrolman fired four bullets into the animal's shoulder, and with the help of several men, forced it into the roadway of a theatre, where it was captured.

NO FORD CAMPAIGN

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 21.—Henry Ford's declaration in support of President Coolidge in the 1924 presidential race will result in immediate termination of activities of a tentative Ford-for-President organization in Minnesota. G. P. Jones, St. Cloud, who has been at the head of the movement in this state, said to-day.

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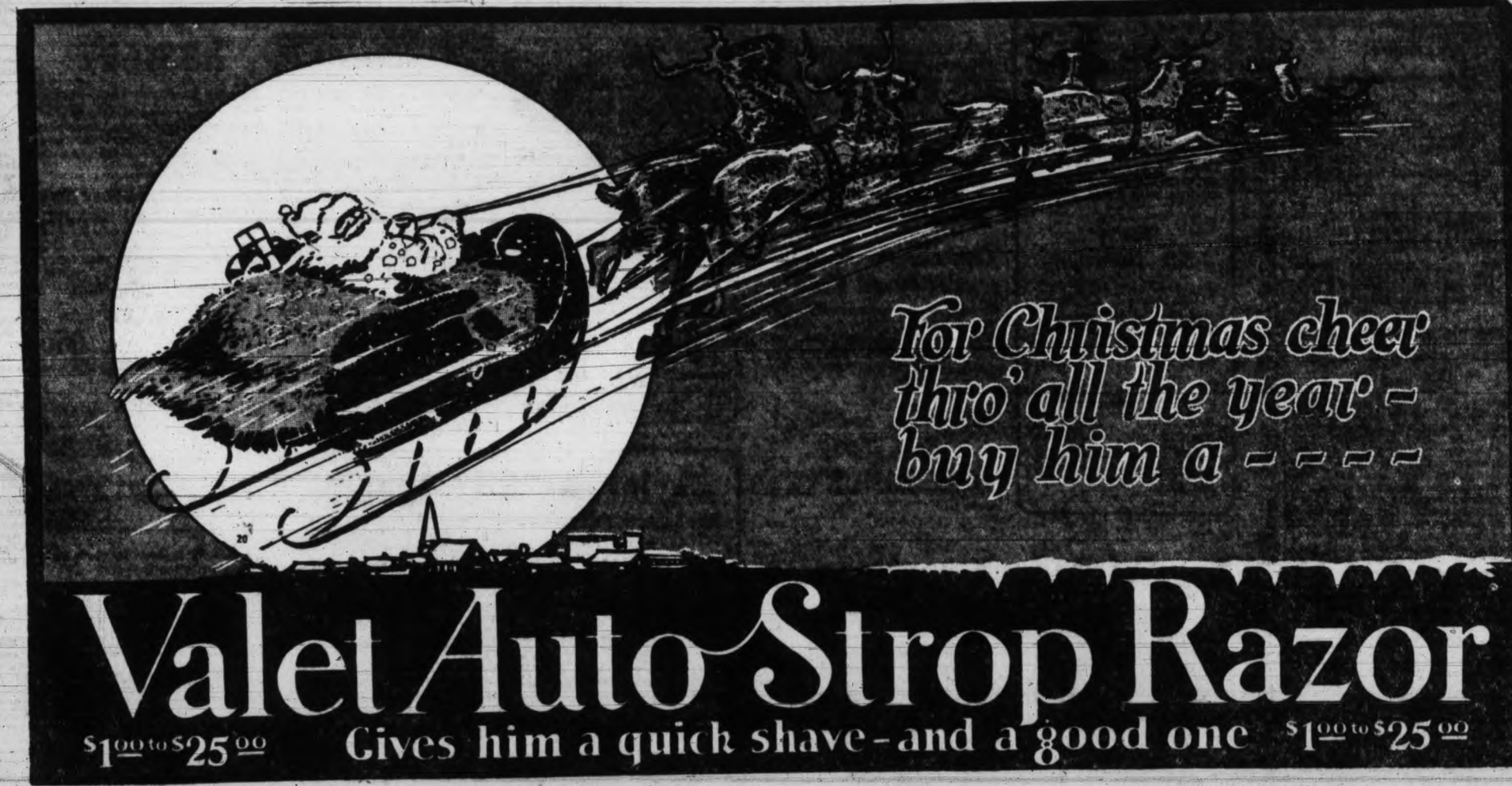
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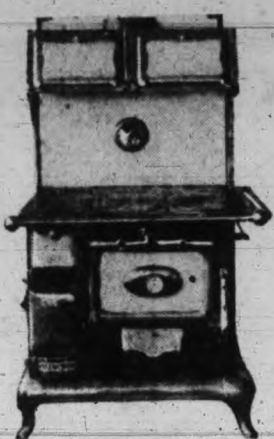


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Victoria Produces Own Freak Calves

In trying to sell freak two-headed calves in Victoria, as reported a few days ago, California is endeavoring to ship coal to Newcastle. Last week a California dealer wrote to the Chamber of Commerce telling of the

remarkable calf and suggesting that someone in this city might buy it. Mrs. James Dickson, of 927 Esquimalt Road, believes she recognizes the animal. The description she read in The Times leads her to believe that it is the same one she sold to a museum in Duluth, Minn., some time ago. The calf when born was perfectly healthy, she says, but used to lose from one head the food it ate with the other.

LOCAL PRODUCTION WEEK



VICTORIA PUBLIC MARKET

CHRISTMAS MARKET DAYS

Saturday, December 22nd
Monday, December 24th

Before buying your Christmas Turkey, Goose, Chicken, Beef, Flowers, Trees, Decorations, Etc., visit our local market with local products, the best display and quality ever shown at our market; the price the very lowest obtainable anywhere for local products. Come or phone for your requirements. Satisfaction guaranteed. Help yourself by buying from the Local Producer to keep the Home Pot boiling.

EXEMPTED LANDS SHOW LARGE PART OF ASSESSMENT

Return Proves Federal, Provincial and City Authorities Large Land Owners

The value of the reverted lands of Victoria, as set out in a schedule of exempted property prepared at the assessor's office, City Hall, is \$2,719,510, and they carry \$185,6200 worth of improvements.

While there are actually 2,224 lots in the City, out of about 18,500 altogether, which have reverted, 155 having improvements thereon, this does not represent the total of the reverted lands, but only those upon which the city has a deed of conveyance. There are a great many upon which it has been unable to secure title, owing to the operation of the succession duty regulations, a phase which it hoped will be cleared up by amending legislation this session. Thus the actual number of residences, offices and stores administered by the city land commissioner is far more than 155, as the annual report of this department shortly to issue, will indicate.

Nominally the report brings the situation to November 30, 1923, but allowing for the period of redemption, the action reversions end with the tax sales of 1922, there always being an interval of twelve months for redemption.

The new assessment roll for the coming year shows about \$17,000,000 worth of property exempt from taxation, \$6,018,960 on land, and \$11,165,570 on improvements.

The vast proportion of it is divided between the city, federal and provincial governments.

Summarized it may be set out as follows:

OWNED BY THE CITY

Land values, schools \$12,740, fire halls (sites) \$27,610, parks, \$816,840. Ross Bay and Quadra Street cemeteries, \$166,330; city buildings (sites) \$385,010, and reverted lands, \$2,719,510.

Improvements, schools \$1,034,400, fire halls, \$58,800, parks \$1,500, public buildings, \$190,300; buildings on reverted land, \$1,820,000.

OWNED BY CANADIAN GOVERNMENT

Land: harbor property and government buildings (sites) \$314,200. Improvements, \$5,401,800.

OWNED BY PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

Land: \$755,140. Improvements, \$2,674,500.

CHURCHES

Land, \$162,850. Improvements, \$584,200. Jewish cemetery, land, \$3,550.

HOSPITAL PROPERTIES

Land, Jubilee, \$89,120, St. Joseph's, \$41,070. Improvements, Jubilee, \$483,090, St. Joseph's, \$150,660.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY

Land, \$68,590; Improvements, \$29,500.

INSTITUTIONS

Land, B.C. Protestant Orphan's Home, \$6,600; Aged Women's Home, \$4,430; Improvement, Orphan's, \$22,500; Aged Women's Home, \$30,000. (The city Aged Men's Home is in Oak Bay.)

COUNCILS REPLY ON MEMORIAL AVE.

Elk Lake Improvement Makes Steady Progress, Committee is Told

Reports were received in the Victoria-Saanich Beaches and Parks Committee yesterday afternoon from the city and district councils with regard to the maintenance of Memorial Avenue. The city and Saanich council stand they had sent forward the request for maintenance to the incoming council with favorable recommendations, the Esquimalt council declined on the ground that it was preparing for its own war memorial, while Oak Bay said that the council was securing necessary legislation to permit grants in aid of war memorials outside its municipal limits, a clause specially being introduced to provide for Shelbourne Street.

ELK LAKE IMPROVEMENT

The committee expressed its satisfaction with the work done by G. W. Allison as superintendent of the contract in connection with the laying out of Elk Lake Golf Links, and decided to vote him a small honorarium. It was stated by Alderman Todd that not only had Mr. Allison spent a great deal of his time after regular hours on the property, but had earned the praise of A. V. Macdonald, under whose supervision the land was being laid out for golf links.

It was reported that the work done to date was well within the estimate, with enough money to finish the Jones and Rant contract, and to carry out some minor additions.

GRAVEL PITS

A report is to be secured in connection with the gravel pit at Elk Lake, upon which the committee has an option. The gravel and sand therein is planned to be held for use in creating a children's bathing beach at Elk Lake.

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Dainty Handkerchiefs, with pretty embroidered corners, in white or colors. Box 59c

Gift Box Handkerchiefs of sheer white and colored lawn with novel colored embroidered designs, 2 in box 79c

Pretty Box Handkerchiefs, with dainty embroidery in white or colors; 2 in box 49c

Ladies' Novelty Crepe de Chine and Georgette Handkerchiefs, in colonial figures and Paisley designs, with dainty scalloped border. Each 25c

Ladies' Novelty Crepe de Chine Handkerchiefs, in plain colors, with dainty scalloped border. Each 20c

Specials in Kid

Gloves

Regular \$3.50. Pair \$1.95
Perrin's French suede and kid gloves. Contrasting points; with pearl dome fasteners.

\$3.00 value for \$1.00
Perrin's Kid Gloves, in black and colors, all sizes, \$3.00 values.

Dainty Silk Scarves

Regular to \$4.50. Each \$1.95
In plain colors and novelty stripes, with fringed ends.

Smart

Silk Umbrellas
Reg \$10.50 and \$11.75. Each \$6.95
Excellent quality silk covering, in navy, purple and black; fitted with attractive handles.

Leather Handbags

Reg. \$3.50. Each \$2.79
Pouch style, in a beautiful quality of leather; brown and grey.

Silk Overblouses, Special

\$3.50 to \$5.75

Tricotee and Crepe Knit Fabrics, trimmed Oriental gimpes and silk fringe; white, sand, orange, reseda, grey, henna, navy and black. Sizes 36 to 44.

Silk and Wool Cardigans

\$5.75 to \$9.50

New styles, in brush wool and silk and wool mixtures, plain shades and combination effects. All sizes.

Pullovers and Jaquettes

Pure wool and silk and wool garments in a wide variety of colors and styles. All sizes.

\$2.50 to \$8.95

Camisoles, Popular Gifts

at \$1.69 and \$3.50

Choose from a number of pretty styles, in silk, satin and crepe de Chine. Hand embroidered or lace trimmed. Peach, sky, orchid, flesh, white, navy and black. Sizes 36 to 44.

Silk Vests, Special at

Each, \$1.98

Tricotee Vests, in pink only. Sizes 36 and 38. Drop stitch weave.

Special Inducements in— Gift Kimonos



Beacon Cloth Kimonos, Special, \$10.95 and \$15.95

Acceptable gifts in pretty floral designs, with border, trimmed heavy satin banding on collar, cuffs and pocket. Silk girdle; soft shades of grey, orchid, rose and sky.

Kimonos, Special, \$4.85

Serviceable garments in Navajo designs; navy, cardinal and brown, trimmed silk cord. Sizes 36 to 44.

Crepe Kimonos, Special, \$2.69

Fine quality crepe, hand embroidered and smartly trimmed. Copenhagen, orchid, peach, sky and pink. All sizes.

Crepe Kimonos, \$3.50 to \$9.50

Choice assortment of styles and colors; serpentine, romance and box; loom crepe, hand embroidered and trimmed narrow satin ruchings. All colors.

Warm Blanket Cloth Kimonos, Regular \$9.50, Sale \$7.95

Cozy garments in neat all-over designs. Popular colors, trimmed with satin banding or fancy silk cord. Sizes 36 to 44.

Two Special Values in Gift Towels

Fancy Turkish Towels, Regular to \$1.35, for 79c

Fine woven quality in plain and jacquard weaves; with pink, blue, mauve and gold borders.

Linen Huckaback Towels, each 59c

15 dozen only, to select this price, hemmed ready for use. Size 18 x 36 inches.

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CHRISTMAS UNLOADING SALE

Specials from Santaland

Aluminum Tea Sets, regular \$2.75. Per set \$1.98

Electric Trains, reg. \$8.75 \$6.75

Electric engine, two cars and circle track. Clockwork Trains, regular \$2.25. at \$1.75

Moving Picture Machines, Regular \$8.50. Each \$6.50

Complete with films and fittings. Pla-Klay, Clay and Cookie Out-Out. Reg. \$1.00. \$1.75

Kolorit—Pains and Crayon Outfit. Reg. \$1.00. \$1.75

Embroidery Sets, reg. \$2.75 \$1.59

Suitable for girls between ages 8 and 15 years. Ma-Ma Dolls. \$2.50

Each China Tea Sets, regular 90c. Per set 59c

Crystal Bead Sets. Regular \$2.75. \$1.59

Telephones 75c

Clockwork Trains 95c

Paint Boxes, 19c

Over and Under \$1.39

Picture Blocks 50c



Drums, 39c

Zellophones, 79c

Assorted Animals, 19c

\$1 SATURDAY SPECIAL \$1

Values to \$1.75
Dolls, Stoves, Tea Sets, Kolorit, Pla-Klay, Laundry Sets, Steam Engines, Books and Games.

Suitable Gifts for Baby

Dainty Veile Embroidered Dresses, \$1.60 to \$4.75

Cashmere Dresses, smocked and embroidered, \$2.50 to \$4.25

Silk Dresses, \$2.39 to \$4.75

Wool Togues and Bonnets, 50c to \$2.65

Wool and Silk Mitts, 25c to 75c

Wool Booties, in large variety, 30c to \$1.00

Dainty Wool Jack-ets, \$1.50 to \$2.75

Wool Pullovers, \$1.25 to \$2.98

Silk Cot Covers, embroidered designs, \$2.50 to \$5.75

Infants' White Wool Sets, Reg. \$6.50. Sale \$3.98

Useful gifts, comprising Sweater, Pullovers, Caps and Mitts in fancy knit weave.

Kid Shoes, soft soles. Special at \$1.25

Bibs, embroidered and lace trimmed, 20c to \$1.35

Honeycomb and Fancy Knit Shawls, \$2.50 to \$7.50

Warm Buggy Covers, \$5.50 to \$6.25

SILK HOSIERY

Regular \$1.95 and \$2.00. 98c

Exceptional quality and pure silk trunk and ribbed tops. Plain and novelty weaves. Good assortment of shades.

Harvey's Silk and Wool Hose Regular \$2.25. \$1.75

Exceptionally fine quality silk and wool ribbed Hose, with fancy clocks. Shades: black, white, grey and white, beige and white.

English Wool Golf Hose Regular to \$1.50. 98c

Popular rib, with elastic top; excellent wearing quality.

Holeproof Silk Hosiery, plain and seamless, reinforced; rib tops; fashionable colors. Pair \$1.85

"Silings" Silk Hose, in desirable colors; closely woven with hemmed tops. Pair \$2.25

"Venus" Silk Hose, in plain and novelty rib; good colors. Per pair \$2.00 and \$2.25

"Harvey's Heavy Quality Silk Hose, with ribbon back; elastic and trunk tops; all colors. Per pair \$2.00 and \$2.25

Christmas Gift Special

Silk Lingerie, regular to \$9.25. Sale \$5.95

Dainty Garments of silk, wash satin and crepe de Chine. Envelope Chemises, Step-ins and Negligees, daintily trimmed. Peach, orchid, sky, white and pink.

Madeira Linens Specially Priced

A wonderful assortment of hand-embroidered Madeiras, Doilies, round, oblong and oval. Tea Napkins, Centres, Handkerchief Sachets, Tea Sets and Tea Cloths. Priced from 25c to \$10.50

Saturday Specials in Children's Wear

Misses' Coats

Regular Values to \$21.00. Sale \$16.85

Chinchilla Coats, in tailored styles. Of camel cloth, with deep beaverline collars. Sizes 10 to 14 years.

Warm Winter Coats

Regular \$17.95. Sale \$12.85

Blanket cloth and heavy plaid back coatings, tailored and fur-trimmed; navy and brown. Ages 10 to 14 years.

Smart Tailored Coats

Regular \$12.95. Sale \$9.85

Serviceable Coats, for girls 7 to 14 years, in heather mixtures, raglan sleeves, convertible collar and belt.

Blanket Cloth Coats

Regular to \$6.50. Sale \$4.95

Warm coats for little tots, in scarlet, navy, Copenhagen, brown and sand; lined throughout. Ages 3 to 6 years.

Girls' Fine Wool-Jerseys

Special at \$2.75

Square neck, buttoned on shoulder; rose, emerald, Saxe, and white. Ages 3 to 7 years.

Specials in Girls' Sweaters

Reg. value to \$3.50. \$1.98

Tuxedo coat styles, fine knit weaves; colors, sand, emerald, orange and Copenhagen. Ages 10 to 14 years.

Wool Pull-Overs

Special at \$1.79

Unusual values; fine wool with roll collar; turquoise and rose, trimmed sand. Ages 6 to 12 years.

Girls' Pleated Skirts

Special at \$3.50

Attractive plaid designs, in good assortment of colors; attached to cotton waist. Sizes 6 to 14 years.



Bloomer Dresses Special

AT \$1.79—Cute Dresses of black, athen, embroidered and trimmed with colored pipings. Ages 2 to 6 years.

AT \$3.29—Navy serge Bloomer Dresses, trimmed colored silk stitching. Ages 3 to 6 years.

AT \$3.95—Fine quality navy serge, with trimmings of emerald and Saxe. Hand-embroidered.